

CRR 749 of 2022

In the matter of:- Sariful Sardar @ Kalu Gazi

Ms. Malashree Ghosh
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Mirza Firoz Ahmed Begg
.....for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge-sheet was submitted under Section 21 (c) of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Mirza Firoz Ahmed Begg, learned counsel, who is present in court today and who ordinarily appears on behalf of the State. His engagement may be regularised in due course by the competent authority of the State.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 05.11.2019, the date on which the FIR was lodged. Charge sheet was submitted in December, 2019 and a supplementary charge sheet was submitted in October, 2020. The prosecution intends to examine 6 witnesses in this case. Charges were framed on 13.08.2021. However, only 2 witnesses out of the 6 witnesses could be examined in this case. The matter has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State submits that the

State would not come in the way if a direction is passed to expedite the trial.

I have heard submissions of the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 05.11.2019.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, I request the learned trial court to conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a period of 8 months from next date of hearing.

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order may be supplied to the parties expeditiously, if applied for.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)