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16.3.2022
Court No.39
SD

CRR 780 of 2022
(Via Video Conference)

In the matter of: Shibu Mridha

... Petitioner.

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty
Mr. Shashanka Sekhar Saha

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Anwar Hossain
Ms. Manisha Sharma

...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. Anwar Hossain and Ms. Manisha Sharma, learned counsels, who are present in Court today and who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Their 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 was in custody since 01.5.2020, the date on which the FIR was lodged. A charge sheet was submitted in the year 2020 and supplementary charge sheet was submitted in the year 2021. The prosecution intends to examine eight witnesses in this case. On 11.8.2021 the charge was framed. Yet, till date, not a single witness has been examined. The proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that State would not come in the way if a direction is passed to expedite the trial.

I have heard the 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 01.5.2020.

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

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copies of this order may be delivered to the learned Advocates for the parties, if applied for, upon compliance of all formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)