

C.R.R. 795 of 2022

In the matter of:- **Avishek Brahma @ Deba.**

(via video conference)

Mr. Nimai Ray
...for the petitioner

Mr. Arijit Ganguly
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 Sections 21 (c) and 29 of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Arijit Ganguly and Ms. Manisha Sharma, learned advocates, 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 for the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 26.03.2019 the date on which the FIR was lodged. Charge-sheet was submitted in August 2019. Supplementary charge-sheet was submitted in May 2021. The prosecution intends to examine 11 witnesses in this case. On 04.03.2022, charges were

framed. Till date, not a single witness could be examined. 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 proceeding.

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 concluding the proceeding in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 26.03.2019.

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 one year from the 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.)