

C.R.R. 865 of 2022

In the matter of:- **Jakir Sorowar Goldar @ Bablu**

Ms. Malashree Ghosh
...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 N.D.P.S. 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 appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 23.09.2019 the date on which the First Information Report was registered. Charge-sheet was submitted in 2019. Supplementary charge-sheet was submitted in 2020. The prosecution proposes to examine 8 witnesses in this case. However, one of the witness has already passed away. Charge was framed on 27.08.2021. Yet, till date only 5 witnesses have been examined.

Effectively two witnesses remain to be examined. The proceeding 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, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 23.09.2019.

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 eight months 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.)