

CRR 873 of 2022

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In the matter of:- Ashim Mondal @ Hulo

Mr. Arunava Ganguly
Mr. Piyas Choudhury
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Mr. Nirupam Dhali
.....for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Section 20 of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Mr. Nirupam Dhali, 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 is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 30.09.2019, the date on which an FIR was lodged. A charge sheet was submitted in February, 2020. The prosecution intends to examine 8 witnesses in this case. A charge was framed on 27.11.2020. After that on eight occasions dates were fixed for evidence. Yet, till date not a single witness could 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 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 30.09.2019.

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 nine 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.)