

CRR 968 of 2022

In the matter of : Palash Biswas

Ms. Malashree Ghosh ... for the Petitioner

Ms. Amita Gaur ... 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 the revisional application be served upon Ms. Amita Gaur, learned counsel, who ordinarily appears on behalf of the State. She is requested to appear in this matter. Her engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 23.01.2020, the date on which the F.I.R. was registered. A charge sheet was submitted in March, 2020. A supplementary charge sheet was submitted in October 2020. On 18.03.2021 charges were framed. Although nine witnesses were proposed to be examined, till date only one witness could be examined. The impugned proceeding has remained pending for no fault on the part 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 for an expeditious disposal of the proceeding.

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

It appears that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is languishing in custody since 23.01.2020.

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

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon completion of requisite formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)