

In the matter of:- Raju Patihar

...petitioner

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty,
Mr. S. S. Saha.

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Mr. Saswata Gopal Mukherjee Id. PP,
Mr. Arijit Ganguly.

....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.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. The petitioner is in custody since 15.01.2020, the date on which the FIR was registered. After sometime from the submission of charge sheet, a supplementary charge sheet was also filed in this case. In all, eight persons have been proposed to be examined as prosecution witnesses. Although charges were framed on 05.05.2021, till date evidence has not begun. The matter has remained pending for no fault on the part of the present petitioner.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of 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 some delay has been occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 15.01.2020.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned

Court is requested to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a period of ten months from the resumption of normal functioning of the learned Trial Court.

With the above 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.)