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Item 40
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C.R.R. 1169 of 2022

In the matter of:- **Sahidul Molla..**

(via video conference)

Mr. Somnath Banerjee
Mr. Pronojit Roy
...for the petitioner

Mr. S. G. Mukherjee, Ld. PP
Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. Debjani Sahu
...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 N.D.P.S. Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned advocates, who are present in Court today and who ordinarily appears 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 18.07.2018 the date on which the First Information Report was registered. A charge-sheet was submitted on

30.11.2018.. The prosecution intends to examine 11 witnesses in this case. Charge was framed on 11.03.2019. On 28.09.2021, while rejecting the prayer for bail of an accused, this Court directed expeditious disposal of the proceeding. Yet, till date only two witnesses could be examined out of total of 11 witnesses. 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 18.07.2018.

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 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.)