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CRR 1171 of 2022

In the matter of:- Sariful Sk.

Mr. Manas Kumar Das
Ms. Shabana Hasin
.....for the petitioner
Mr. Tanmay Kr. Ghosh
Mrs. Debjani Sahu
.....for the State

Leave is granted to amend the cause title as regards the name of the petitioner.

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding under Sections 21, 22 and 23 of the NDPS Act and Sections 186, 188, 34 of the Penal Code.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Tanmay Kr. Ghosh and Mrs. Debjani Sahu, 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. The petitioner was arrested in connection with the present case on 07.07.2020. However, the case was subsequently transferred as Sagarpara Police Station Case No. 72 of 2020 dated 02.09.2020. A charge sheet was submitted in December, 2020. The prosecution intends to examine 13 witnesses

in this case. Charge was framed on 03.02.2022. Yet, till date not a single witness has been 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 some delay has been occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 07.07.2020.

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 one year 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.)