

CRR 1280 of 2022

26.04.
2022

In the matter of:- Gunjan Shah

Mr. Subir Ganguly
Mr. Sayak Konar
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Abhra Mukherjee
Mr. Dipankar Mahato
.....for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Sections 406 and 498A read with Section 34 of the Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Abhra Mukherjee and Mr. Dipankar Mahato, 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 FIR was lodged in 2019 and the charge sheet was submitted in 2019. There are four witnesses mentioned in the charge sheet. On 13.01.2021 charges were framed. Yet, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. Only one witness has been examined.

The matter 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.

It does not appear that there is an inordinate delay in concluding 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 evidence has already started for an FIR and a charge sheet filed in 2019.

In view of the above, I do not find that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in this case.

However, it is expected that the learned trial court would 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.)