

CRR 1293 of 2022

28.04.
2022

In the matter of:- Shiba Hazra @ Siba Hazra & Anr.

Mr. Satadru lahiri
Mr. Safdar Azam
.....for the petitioners

Mr. Bidyut Roy
Mrs. Debjani Sahu
.....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 NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Bidyut Roy 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 petitioners submits as follows. The petitioners are the accused in this case. They are in custody since 25.05.2020, the date on which an FIR was lodged. On 16.12.2020, while rejecting prayer for bail, this Court directed an expeditious disposal of the proceeding. Supplementary charge sheet was submitted in 2021. Thereafter charges were framed. The prosecution intends to examine 11 witnesses in this case. Yet, till date only

one witness could be examined. The proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioners.

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 petitioners 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 petitioners are in custody since 25.05.2020.

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.)