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CRR 1014 of 2021

In the matter of:- Bidhan Chowdhury & Ors.

Ms. Minoti Gomes
Mr. Jisan Iqbal Hossain
.....for the petitioners

Mr. S.G. Mukherjee, Id. P.P.
Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain
Mr. Mirza Firoz Ahmed Begg
.....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.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits as follows. The petitioners are the accused in this case. They are in custody since 20.09.2018, the date on which the FIR was registered. A charge sheet was submitted on 07.03.2019. The prosecution proposes to examine six witnesses in this case. On 10.04.2019 charges were framed. Yet, till date out of a total of six witnesses, only one witness could be examined, that too be in part. 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 submissions of the learned counsels

appearing on behalf of the petitioners and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that inordinate delay has been occasioned in concluding the proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioners are in custody since 20.09.2018.

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 ten months from the 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.)