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Ct. No.39

CRR 1562 of 2022

In the matter of : Ashim Das

Mr. Debasis Kar
Mr. Subhojit Roy Chowdhury
Mr. H. Mustafi
Mr. Arun T. Bhadra ... for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. Debjani Sahu ... for the State

This is an application praying for expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under sections 21(C), 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act.

Let a copy of the revisional application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned counsels, who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. They are requested to appear in this matter. Their engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is in custody since 01.08.2020 the date on which F.I.R. was lodged. Two other co-accused were granted bail by this Court in November 2020. In all, sixteen witnesses were proposed to be examined by the prosecution as per charge sheet. Although charges were framed on 13.04.2022, till date not a single witness could be examined. The matter has remained pending for no fault on the part of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that State would not come in the way if a direction is passed for an expeditious disposal of the proceeding.

I have heard the submissions of the learned counsels for the appearing for the petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that some delay is occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 01.08.2020

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned Trial Court is requested to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a year from the next date of hearing.

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon completion of requisite formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)