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Ct. No.39

CRR 1633 of 2022

In the matter of : Shasthi Das

Ms. Malashree Ghosh ... for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg ... 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) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

Let a copy of the revisional application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg, 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 24.12.2019 the date on which F.I.R. was lodged. A charge sheet was submitted in 2019. In all, five witnesses were proposed to be examined by the prosecution. Although charges were framed on 04.10.2021, 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 an inordinate delay is occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 24.12.2019.

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 nine months 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.)