

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CRIMINAL REVISIONAL JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

The Hon'ble **JUSTICE BIBEK CHAUDHURI**

CRR 4177 of 2022

Ranojit Biswas @ Rano

-Vs-

The State of West Bengal

For the Petitioner: Mr. Debasis Kar, Adv.,

For the State: Mr. T.K. Ghosh, Adv.,
 Mr. Arindam Sen, Adv

Heard on: 14th December, 2022.

Judgment on: 14th December, 2022.

BIBEK CHAUDHURI, J. : –

1. This is an application for a direction upon the trial court for expeditious disposal of a Criminal Case pending against the petitioner under Sections 20(b)(ii)(c)/29 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Act being Case No. N-14/2021 pending before the learned Special Court (NDPS Act) at Barrackpore.

2. It is stated by the petitioner that he was arrested in connection with Airport Police Station Case No. 43 of 2021 on 23rd February, 2021 on the allegation that he was illegally in possession of ganja weighting approximately 32.2kgs. After investigation, police submitted charge sheet against the accused on 31st March, 2021 under Sections 20(b)(ii)(c) of the Narcotic substance and Psychotropic Act. The trial court framed charge

against the accused on 21st February, 2022 and fixed 7th 10th and 11th May, 2022 for evidence. Not a single witness has been examined and next date was fixed on 8th, 9th and 12th December, 2022 for evidence.

3. It is the grievance of the petitioner that the trial court has failed to fix a schedule of examination of witnesses as contemplated in Section 309 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and also failed to follow the guideline issued by this Court vide notification No.4680 G dated 6th December, 2006.

4. This Court is of the view that the instant revision can be disposed of here and now with the assistance of the learned Advocate on behalf of the prosecution. Therefore Mr. T.K. Ghosh and Mr. Arindam Sen are appointed as Advocates on behalf of the prosecution in this case. Appointment of Mr. T.K. Ghosh and Mr. Arindam Sen be regularized by the learned Legal Remembrancer, Government of West Bengal.

5. Thus, it is the bounden duty of the trial court to follow the directions contained in High Court Notification No.4680 G dated 6th December, 2006.

6. Under such circumstances, instant revision is disposed of directing the trial court to take all step and endeavour to conclude trial of the case within the time limit contained in Notification No.4680 G dated 6th December, 2006.

7. The instant revision is thus disposed of.

(Bibek Chaudhuri, J.)