

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CRIMINAL REVISIONAL JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

The Hon'ble **JUSTICE BIBEK CHAUDHURI**

CRR 127 of 2023

Suman Das @ Mandela

-Vs-

The State of West Bengal

For the petitioner: Mr. Shibaji Kumar Das, Adv.
 Ms. Rupsa Sreemani, Adv.

For the State: Mr. Anand Keshari, Adv.

Heard on: 18th January, 2023.

Judgment on: 18th January, 2023.

BIBEK CHAUDHURI, J. : –

1. This is an application for expeditious disposal of N case no. 80 of 2021 filed by the petitioner/accused person in custody arising out of Chakdah Police Station Case no. 359 of 2021 dated 7th August, 2021 under Section 20(b)(ii)(c) of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1984 presently pending before the Learned Judge (Special Court) NDPS Act, Nadia.

2. On perusal of the instant application and the materials on record, this court is of the view that the instant application can be disposed of with the assistance of the learned public prosecutor-in-charge on behalf of the State. Therefore Mr. Anand Keshari learned advocate is requested to assist this court on behalf of the state. Appointment of Mr. Anand

Keshari be regularized by the learned Legal Remembrancer, Government of West Bengal.

3. It is submitted by the learned advocate for the petitioner that the petitioner was arrested on 7th August, 2021 on the allegation of committing offence under Section 20(b)(ii)(c) of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1984. Since then, he is in custody. After completion of investigation chargesheet was submitted without chemical report being no. 5/2022 dated 24th January, 2022. On 13th June, 2022 supplementary chargesheet was submitted. Thereafter charge was framed on 14th September, 2022 after several adjournments and next date has been fixed on 21st January, 2023, 24th January, 2023 and 25th January, 2023 for evidence.

4. It is further submitted by the learned Advocate for the petitioner that the prosecution is not at all serious for speedy disposal of the case. Therefore, necessary direction may be issued upon the court below for expeditious disposal.

5. In view of the above factual position, it is premature to pass any order for expeditious disposal of the above case. However, the trial court is directed to dispose of the case as early as possible.

6. The instant criminal revision is thus disposed of with the above direction.

(Bibek Chaudhuri, J.)