

CRL PETN NO.66 of 2017

**BEFORE
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. T. VAIPHEI**

Present:

For the petitioners : Mr. P.K. Biswas, Sr. Advocate,
Mr. P. Majumder, Advocate.

For the respondent : Mr. R.C. Debnath, Addl. P.P.

21.12.2017.

Heard Mr. P.K. Biswas, the learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. P. Majumder, the learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard Mr. R.C. Debnath learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State.

In this criminal petition, the petitioners are complaining the delay to disposal of the trial and, therefore, seeking the intervention of this Court for speedy disposal of the case.

It is not discernable from the record as to how the trial court could not dispose of the case expeditiously. However, it is by now well settled proposition of law that the accused undergoing trial is entitled to speedy disposal of the case as guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Under the circumstances, there is force in the contention of the learned senior counsel that appropriate direction may be issued for expeditious disposal of the case.

Resultantly, this criminal petition succeeds. The learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Agartala, West Tripura is directed to take necessary action for early disposal of PRC No.40/2015 U/s 498(A)/34 IPC within the next 3(three) months from today. It is made clear that no adjournment will be granted by the trial court except for exceptional reasons.

The criminal petition is disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

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