

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-18971 of 2020

Date of Decision : 16.07.2020

Munish Kumar @ Monu and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The petition has been taken for hearing through video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners will surrender themselves before the trial Court. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that though, there is a discharge application pending consideration before the trial Court, as per which, the petitioners have been found innocent but, due to Covid-19 pandemic, the hearing of the same is not taking place, despite the fact that the same is pending since 2018, which is causing prejudice to the petitioners, hence, trial Court be directed to decide the said application in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of the petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

In case, as undertaken by the learned counsel for the petitioners, petitioners surrender before the trial Court, all efforts must be made by the trial Court to decide the pending application seeking discharge, preferably within a period of three months from the date, the petitioners surrender before the trial Court. In case of failure of petitioners to surrender, trial Court is directed to act in accordance with law.

The petition stands disposed of in above terms.

July 16, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No