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

CRM-M No. 37053 of 2021
Date of Decision: 09.09.2021

Mandeep Singh and another

-Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

-Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video-conferencing.

Petitioners have prayed for issuance of directions to the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate in the trial of FIR No.40 dated 31.03.2020 under Section 188 IPC, Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar to decide the trial in a time bound manner.

FIR was registered during currency of COVID-19 pandemic. Work of the Courts virtually came to be stalled during the entire period.

It appears that the trial Court has recorded prosecution evidence to some extent, but due to the situation

arising out of pandemic COVID-19, no such direction can be given to the trial Court to decide the case in time bound manner, however, it is expected that the trial Court shall make every endeavour to decide the trial within a reasonable time keeping in view the prevailing situation.

Disposed of.

September 09, 2021

Jyoti Sharma

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No