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23 MLAs +ve, Covid shadow on Punjab Assembly

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AHEAD of the Punjab Assembly's August 28 monsoon session, 23 MLAs have tested Covid positive prompting CM Amarinder Singh to note that if this was the state of the legislators and ministers, one can only imagine how grave the situation is on the ground.

While 14 MLAs are from the ruling Congress, six are from the Shiromani Akali Dal and three from the AAP.

Assembly Speaker Rana KP

Singh has made it mandatory that all the 117 MLAs will have to get their coronavirus test done before attending the one-day monsoon season.

"As of today, two days before the scheduled Punjab Vidhan Sabha session, 23 Ministers/MLAs were Covid positive," said the CM in an official release. "If this was the state of the legislators and ministers, one can only imagine how grave the situation on the ground was. The scenar-

io was not conducive to holding physical examinations."

The Congress MLAs who are down with Covid include Cabi-

net ministers Gupreet Singh Kangar, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and Sham Sunder Arora.

Another Cabinet minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa had tested positive but his report came negative on Wednesday. Deputy Speaker Ajaib Singh Bhatti is also down with Covid.

The legislative party meet-

ings of both AAP and Shiromani Akali Dal were held on Tuesday in which these MLAs were present. As per the protocol, the contacts of all COVID positive persons will have to self-quarantine for five days.

The word is only two AAP MLAs Kultar Singh and Baljinder Kaur, who were not present at the meeting, will attend the session while none of the Akali legislators can enter the House. But, SAD claimed six MLAs will attend the session.

