



Suo Motu TR.No.415 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 03.09.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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(CC.No.24 of 2021 of Judicial Magistrate, Sathyamangalam Taluk, Erode)

The State rep. by
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Bavanisagar.

...Petitioner

Vs.

Palanisamy
and 2 others

.... Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sugendran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Sua Motu Case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Sua Motu.W.P.(Crl.) No.618 of 2025.

2.The case against the accused is that they had violated the Bonded Labour system (Abolition) Act, 1976, by engaging persons for working in their field. It is seen that the labour have been rescued and they have also been awarded compensation. There is no other previous or subsequent case against



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the accused and they submitted that they are not nowadays engaging in the said practice and have shown remarks. The probationary officer's report is also received. After accepting their plea of guilt by admonishing them for what they have done instead of sentencing they are released on probation.

3. In that view of the matter, the following was considered:

- (i) The occurrence was not due to any aggravated or egregious conduct.
- (ii) The victim has received compensation.
- (iii) The accused has no previous or subsequent case and a due report from the probationary officer regarding his conduct has already been received.
- (iv) The accused has also been facing the case all these years.

4. In view thereof, I find that this is a fit case where the provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, can be invoked. Accordingly, upon the plea of the accused, the accused is found guilty of the offence under Section 16 of Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. However, without proceeding to sentence the accused, this Court releases the accused on probation under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, on the following conditions:



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(a) The accused shall execute a bond before the learned Magistrate undertaking good conduct for a period of one year, failing which he shall appear before this Court to receive sentence.

(b) It is made clear that, as per Section 12 of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, the finding of guilty will not be a disqualification for any purpose.

5. Accordingly, the case in CC.No.24 of 2021 of Judicial Magistrate, Sathyamangalam Taluk, Erode, shall stands disposed of and consequently, this Suo Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

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Note to the Trial Court: This order is digitally signed and communicated electronically alone. The Trial Court shall take note of the order and accordingly classify the case pending before them as allowed / dismissed / disposed of, etc, and while doing so, consider any applications such as disposal of properties, etc., and pass appropriate orders, as may be necessary. Further, the Court below is directed to dispatch the copy of this order to all concerned.



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