



Suo Motu TR.No.813 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 26.08.2025

CORAM:

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

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(CC.No.5514 of 2018 of XIV Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore Taluk,
Chennai)

The State Rep. by its Inspector of Police,
PEW(T) Unit,
Chennai - 3.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Suresh

.... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sugendran
Additional Public Prosecutor

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. This case is registered for alleged offences under Section 24 of Tamil
Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. The incident occurred on 20.03.2014. The
allegation is that the accused was using a domestic cylinder for the commercial
purpose of the Bar violating the licensing conditions. However, the summons



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are not served on the accused since he remained elusive and not traceable.

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3. Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the antecedents of the accused, the reason for absence from his usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, the summons could not be served, it is evident that even if the accused is brought to face trial, it would impinge upon his right to a speedy trial. Due to the passage of time, a meaningful trial is unlikely, and no useful purpose would be served.

4. Accordingly, the case in CC.No.5514 of 2018 on the file of the XIV Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore Taluk, Chennai stands quashed and this Sua 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.

D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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