



Suo Motu TR.No.817 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.08.2025

CORAM:

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

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(STC.491 of 2019 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur)

State by Inspector of Police,
Ariyalur Police Station.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Murugan

.... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sugendran
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

2. The allegations in this case are that on 09.05.2019, the accused protested against the complete disruption of water supply to their locality for two consecutive days without due permission. A case was registered in Cr. No.122 of 2019 on 09.05.2019 for the alleged offences under Sections 341



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and 143 of IPC. The final report was filed on 10.05.2019, and the accused have been facing trial since then. Thus, it can be seen that the allegations concern exercising the democratic right to protest. Given the context and nature of the allegations, continuing the trial impinges on the right to a speedy trial of the accused. No useful purpose will be served by continuing the case.

3. Accordingly, the case in STC.491 of 2019 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur 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.



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