



Suo Motu TR.No.1157 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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(C.C.No.13 of 2020 of Additional Mahila Court, Egmore Taluk, Chennai)

The Sub Inspector of Police,
G2 Periamed Police Station

...Petitioner

Vs.

Bernard Bastin

.... 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 in Cr.No.1940 of 2014 for the alleged offence under Sections 341, 294 (b), 323 and 506 (i) I.P.C. r/w Section 4 TNPHW Act. The incident was occurred on 07.10.2014. It is stated that the defacto-complainant is unable to present before this Court. However, she has expressed that she is not willing to pursue the case. It is reported that accused



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is elusive and remains untraceable and the matter is pending from 2014.

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3.Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the reason for absence from his usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, 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 C.C.No.13 of 2020 of Additional Mahila Court, Egmore Taluk, Chennai stands quashed. 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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