



Suo Motu TR.No.1404 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 01.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(S.T.C.No.659 of 2022 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Villupuram Taluk,
Villupuram)

State rep. by Special Sub-Inspector of Police,
Kandamangalam Police Station,
Villupuram.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Mani

... 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 offence under Section 24(1) of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. The incident occurred on 28.12.2021. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found to be in possession of 10 packets of Hans (tobacco packets) and there is no previous or subsequent case against the accused and the matter is pending at the stage of



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service of summons. 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.

3. Accordingly, the case in S.T.C.No.659 of 2022 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Villupuram Taluk, Villupuram, 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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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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