



Suo Motu TR.No.1503 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.2 of 2022 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Villupuram Taluk,
Villupuram)

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

... Petitioner

Vs.

Murugan

... 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. The allegations in this case are that on 06.10.2019, while the election code of conduct was in force, the accused was having a party banner in a public place without due permission. A case was registered in Cr.No.186 of 2019 on 06.10.2019 for the alleged offences under Sections 4A(1a) and 4B of the Tamil Nadu Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959. The



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Final report was led on 06.12.2019, and the accused has been facing trial since

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then. Thus, it can be seen that the allegations concern exercising the democratic right to canvass. 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 S.T.C.No.2 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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