



Suo Motu TR.No.2713 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 08.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(CC.No.279 of 2017 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Dharapuram, Dharapuram  
Taluk, Tiruppur)

The Sub Inspector of Police,  
Dharapuram Police Station,  
Tiruppur.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Maruthu Durai

.... 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.(CrI.)No.618 of 2025.

2. This case is registered for alleged offences under Sections 21 of  
Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 379  
of IPC. The allegation is that the accused had stolen three bags of river sand



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through his two wheeler. The matter is at the fresh summons stage since 2017.

There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused.

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.279 of 2017 on the file of Judicial Magistrate Court, Dharapuram, Dharapuram Taluk, Tiruppur 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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**D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.**

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