



Suo Motu TR.No.2795 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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(C.C.No.5019 of 2020 of XIV Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore Taluk,  
Chennai)

The Sub Inspector of Police,  
Chintadripet Police station.  
Chennai.

...Petitioner

Vs.

Mani @ Manikandan  
and another

... Respondents

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 case, Cr.No.25 of 2019 was registered for the alleged offence  
under Section 379 of the I.P.C. The incident occurred on 21.01.2019. The  
allegation against the accused is that they committed theft of defacto-  
complainant's mobile phone from his pant pocket. It is reported that the  
mobile phone has been recovered and handed over to the defacto-complainant.



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The matter has been pending since 2019.

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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, 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 C.C.No.5019 of 2020 of XIV Metropolitan Magistrate 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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**D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.**

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