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Suo Motu TR.No.3346 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.09.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.3346 of 2025

(STC.No.544/2022 of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Vazhapadi Taluk, Salem)

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.144 of 2022 was registered for an alleged offence under Section 4 (1) (a) of the TN Prohibition Act. The incident occurred on 15.05.2022. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found to be in illegal possession of 180 ml x 5 bottles of liquor for sale. There is no previous case or subsequent case as against the accused. The case is pending at the summons stage. Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the antecedents of the accused, and the submission that, despite best efforts, the summon could not be served, it is evident that even if the accused is brought to face trial, it would impinge upon his right to speedy trial. Due to passage of time, a meaningful trial is unlikely, and no useful purpose would be served.



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3. Accordingly, the proceedings in STC.No.544 of 2022 on the file of the Court of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Vazhapadi Taluk, Salem, is 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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