



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.09.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.3394 of 2025

(C.C.No.385 of 2022 of XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet Taluk,
Chennai)

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Suo Motu Case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Suo Motu.W.P.(Crl.) No.618 of 2025.

2. The case was registered in Cr.No.776 of 2021 for the alleged offence under Section 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. The occurrence is of the year 2021. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found in illegal possession of 10 pockets of Hans with an intention to sell without any bar license. The same was recovered and seized. There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused.



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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 warrant could not be executed, 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.385 of 2022 of XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet Taluk, Chennai, stands quashed. This Suo 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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