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Already, this Court disposed of this Sua Motu Transfer Case on 08.09.2025. However, today, this matter is listed under the caption 'For being mentioned'. The error mentioned is corrected and the following is the corrected order:-

"IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(STC.3616/2022 of XV METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE COURT, George
Town Taluk, Chennai)

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. This case is registered in Crime No.543 of 2022 for alleged offence under Section 24(I) of COTPA Act. The incident occurred during the year 2022. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found to be in possessio of 10 packets of tobacco products. It is submitted that there is no previous or subsequent case against the accused and presently, the case is pending at the summons stage.

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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 proceedings in STC.3616/2022 of XV METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE COURT, George Town Taluk, Chennai 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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