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Suo Motu TR.No. 8322 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(S.T.C.No. 4116 of 2020 of Judicial Magistrate V, Salem Taluk, Salem)

The State rep. by
The Sub Inspector of Police,
PEW Salem City Police Station,
Salem.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Venkatachalam

... 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.(Crl.) No.618 of 2025.

2. This case is registered for alleged offences under Section 4(1)(aaa) of Tamilnadu Prohibition Act. The allegation in this case is that the accused was involved in smuggling of liquor bottles. It is stated that there is no previous or subsequent case as against the accused and the case is currently pending at the stage of warrant.



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4. Accordingly, the case in S.T.C.No.4116 of 2020 of Judicial Magistrate V, Salem Taluk, Salem shall stand quashed and this Sua Motu Transfer Case stand 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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