



Suo Motu TR.No.9251 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.9251 of 2025

(C.C.No.121 of 2019 of Judicial Magistrate, Omalur 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. This case is registered for alleged offences under Sections 21(d)(e)(f), 2, 56E of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882. The incident occurred on 06.09.2013. The allegation in this case is that the accused are cutting teakwood from the forest. The case is pending from the year 2013. There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused. The case is pending at the stage of fresh summons. Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the antecedents of the accused, the reason for absence from their usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, the summons could not be served, it is evident that even if the accused are brought to face trial, it would impinge upon their right to a speedy trial. Due to the passage of time, a meaningful trial is unlikely, and no useful purpose would be served.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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3. Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.121 of 2019 of Judicial Magistrate, Omalur Taluk, Salem, 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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