



Suo Motu TR.No. 10651 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 22.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No. 105 of 2024 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri)

The State rep. by
The Forest Range Officer,
Forest Range Office,
Harur, Dharmapuri.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Thangaraj

... Respondent

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

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 allegation in this case is that the accused, without proper permission, allegedly entered a reserved forest, cut down sandalwood trees, and concealed them in a riverbed, thereby committed offence under Sections 21(d)(e)(f) of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882, (3)(1) of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1927, and Section 3(1) of the Sandalwood Possession Act. The incident occurred on 13.01.1995. The mother case in C.C.No. 153 of 1993 proceeded



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further and resulted in an acquittal. The grounds for acquittal also apply to the present accused. The matter has been pending for the execution of the warrant for more than 20 years.

3. Considering the factual matrix, the context of the case, the background of the accused, the reason for his absence at his place of residence, and the submission made that, despite best efforts, the warrant could not be executed, it is clear that even if the accused faces trial, no useful purpose would be served.

4. Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.105 of 2024 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri 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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