



Suo Motu TR.No.12948 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No.231 of 2022 of Judicial Magistrate I, Salem Taluk, Salem)

For Petitioner : M/s.G.V.Kasthuri
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. The case in C.C.No.231 of 2022 was taken on the file of the Judicial Magistrate I, Salem Taluk, Salem for the alleged offence under Sections 454 and 380 of I.P.C. The accused committed theft of de-facto complainant's machineries. It is reported that the property involved in this case has been recovered and handed over to the complainant. The de-facto complainant submits that he doesn't want to pursue the matter further. The case is at summons stage.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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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 case in C.C.No.231 of 2022 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate I, Salem Taluk, Salem, stands 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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