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Suo Motu TR.No.12960 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.12960 of 2025

(STC.No.5839 of 2020 of Judicial Magistrate I, Salem 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.The case in STC.No.5839 of 2020 was taken on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Salem Taluk, Salem for the alleged offence under Sections 143 and 269 of IPC. The offences are in the nature of lock down violation. The final report was filed on 07.08.2020, and the accused have been facing trial since then. Thus, it can be seen that the allegations concern exercising the democratic right to protest. Given the context and nature of allegations, continuing the trial impinges on the right to a speedy trial of the accused. No useful purpose will be served by continuing the case.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

3. Accordingly, the case in STC.No.5839 of 2020 of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Salem Taluk, Salem, stands quashed. This Sua Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

15.10.2025

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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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