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Suo Motu TR.No.13797 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.13797 of 2025
(S.T.C.No.1171 of 2023 of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Puducherry Taluk,
Puducherry)

For Petitioner : Mr.M.V.Ramachandra Murthy
Additional Public Prosecutor (Puducherry)

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 offence under Section 269 of the Indian Penal Code, Section 51(b) of the DM Act, 2005 and Section 3 of the ED Act, 1897. The incident occurred on 26.10.2020. The allegation in this case is regarding unlawful assembly during COVID - 19 pandemic. 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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3. Accordingly, the case in S.T.C.No.1171 of 2023 of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Puducherry Taluk, Puducherry, 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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