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Suo Motu TR.No.14957 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.09.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.14957 of 2025

(C.C.No.936 of 2016 of XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet Taluk,
Chennai)

For Petitioner : Ms.G.V.Kasthuri
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Suo Motu case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Suo Motu W.P.(CrI.)No.618 of 2025.

2. The case was registered in Cr.No.524 of 2011 for the alleged offence under Section 18(c) of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 r/w rules 65(2), 65(3)(1), 65(4)(3)(i) & condition number 3 in form 20 and condition number 2 in form 21 of the conditions of licences of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. The allegation is that the accused was found to be in possession of 26 numbers of liquor bottles for sale on the date of domestic holiday. However, a sum of Rs.1470/- has been recovered. There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused. The case is pending at fresh summons stage.



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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.936 of 2016 on the file of the XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet Taluk, Chennai stand 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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