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Suo Motu TR.No. 15384 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(SPLCC.3/2025 of Principal District & Sessions Court, Ariyalur Taluk,
Ariyalur)

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 was registered in Cr.No.17 of 2020 dated 03.02.2020 for the alleged offence under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 21(1) and 21(2) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957. The allegation against the accused is that he had committed theft of 1 unit of river sand. The accused has been attending the proceedings regularly. It is also stated that both in this case and also its connected case in SPL.SC.14/2025, the matter relate to the same occurrence. Be that as it may, the accused has been facing the case since 2020. There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused.



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3. Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the antecedents of the accused, it is evident that even if the accused is continuing 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 cases in both SPLCC.3/2025 and SPLCC.14/2025 on the file of the Principal District & Sessions Court, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur 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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