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Suo Motu TR.No.15518 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(STC.No.404262 of 2016 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam
Taluk, Nilgiris)

State rep by its
Sub Inspector of Police,
Ooty Town Police Station,
Nilgiris.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Senthilkumar

... Respondent

For Petitioner : Ms.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. This case is registered for alleged offence under Sections 51 (b) (i) and 65 of Copy Right Act, 1957. The incident occurred on 28.08.2016. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found to be in possession of pirated CDs and DVDs of Tamil movies. There is no previous or subsequent



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case as against the accused. The case is pending at the stage of fresh summon.

Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the antecedents of the accused, and the submission that, despite best efforts, the summon 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.

3. Accordingly, the proceedings in STC.No.404262 of 2016 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam Taluk, Nilgiris, is quashed and this Suo 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.

D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.



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