



Suo Motu TR.No.15558 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 19.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(STC.No.106 of 2022 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam Taluk,
Nilgiris)

State Rep. by its Sub Inspector of Police,
Pykara Police station,
Nilgiris.

...Petitioner

Vs.

Dhayananthu

... Respondent

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.13 of 2020 for the alleged offence under Section 4(1)(k) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act. The allegation in this case is that the accused allowed other persons to drink liquor in its premises without any permission. The case is pending from the year 2020 at the stage of



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service of summon on the accused. There is no previous case or subsequent case as against the accused.

3. 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.

4. Accordingly, the case in STC. No.106 of 2022 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udthagamandalam Taluk, Nilgiris, 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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