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Suo Motu TR.No. 15652 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No. 104 of 2024 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri)

The State rep. by
The Forest Range Officer,
Harur, Dharmapuri.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Kariyagoundan

... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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 under Section 21(d), (e), (f) of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882, and Rules 3(1) and 7 of the Sandalwood Possession Rules, 1970, as amended in 1979. The allegation in this case is that the accused persons were apprehended for allegedly possessing sandalwood pieces. The mother's case in C.C.No. 346 of 2003 proceeded further and resulted in an acquittal. The grounds for acquittal also apply to the present



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accused. The matter has been pending for the execution of the warrant for more than 20 years.

3. Considering the factual matrix, the context of the case, the background of the accused, the reason for his absence at his place of residence, and the submission made that, despite best efforts, the warrant could not be executed, it is clear that even if the accused faces trial, no useful purpose would be served.

4. Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.104 of 2024 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri 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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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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