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Suo Motu TR.No.15914 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.15914 of 2025
(C.C.No.11422 of 2018 of XVII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet
Taluk, Chennai)

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 the alleged offences under Sections 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Smoking and Spitting Act, 2003. The accused was found to be smoking in a public place. For the said allegation the case is pending from 2018. The accused is unable to be traced out.

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 / warrant could not be served / executed, 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.



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4. Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.11422 of 2018 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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