



Suo Motu TR.No. 16550 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 22.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No.1000033 of 1993 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Harur Taluk,
Dharmapuri)

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

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Mahendiran
2. Lakshmanan
3. Kuppu
4. Koyinthe
5. VEDIYAMMAL
6. MUTHUVEDI
7. Chitra
8. Palaniyammal

... Respondents

For Petitioner

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

ORDER

This Suo Motu Case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the
Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Suo Motu.W.P.(Crl.) No.618 of 2025.



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2. The allegation in this case is that the accused persons committed theft of sandalwood. It is submitted that the stolen sandalwood has already been recovered and the case is presently pending at the stage of warrant.

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 warrant could not be 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.

4. Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.1000033 of 1993 on the file of 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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