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Suo Motu TR.No.16577 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.16577 of 2025

(S.T.C.No.267 of 2022 of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court,
Vedaranyam, Vedaranyam Taluk, Nagapattinam)

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.The case, Cr.No.2 of 2022 was registered for the alleged offences under Sections 4 (1) (a) of TN Prohibition Act. The occurrence is of the year 2022. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found to be in illegal possession of 5 IMFL bottles, each containing 180ml. The same was recovered and seized. It appears that the quantity is within the permissible limit for personal consumption. There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused.

3.Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the reason for absence from his usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, the summons 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.



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4. Accordingly, the case in S.T.C.No.267 of 2022 of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Vedaranyam, Vedaranyam Taluk, Nagapattinam, stands quashed. This Sua Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

22.10.2025

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