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Suo Motu TR.No. 17046 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.09.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No. 3334 of 2017 of VIII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town
Taluk, Chennai)

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
C-2, Elephant Gate Police Station,
Crime Branch,
Flower Bazaar

... Petitioner

Vs.

Johanpal @ Karupu
For Petitioner

... Respondent

: 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.1745 of 2016 dated 03.11.2016 for
the alleged offence under Section 392 of Indian Penal Code, 1860. It is
reported that the stolen property has already been recovered and is currently
kept in the custody of the Court and there is no previous or subsequent case as
against the accused. Further, it is submitted that the case is presently pending



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at the stage of summons. The defacto complainant is present before the Court and has stated that he does not want to pursue the case any further. If the defacto complainant submits an application for return of property, the same shall be returned.

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 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 C.C.No. 3334 of 2017 on the file of VIII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town Taluk, Chennai 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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