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Suo Motu TR.No.17299 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.17299 of 2025
(STC.No.417 of 2021 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam Taluk,
Nilgiris,)

For Petitioner : 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 in STC.No.417 of 2021 was taken on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam Taluk, Nilgiris, for the alleged offence under Section 4 (1) (k) of TN Prohibition Act. The occurrence is of the year 2021. The allegation in this case is that the accused has permitted public place to drink, for the same, the case is pending. There is no previous or subsequent case pending against the accused.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

3.Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the reason for absence from his usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, 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 STC.No.417 of 2021 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udthagamandalam Taluk, Nilgiris, stands quashed. This Sua Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

16.10.2025

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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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