



Suo Motu TR.No. 17359 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No.4146 of 2020 of XIII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore Taluk,
Chennai)

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 was registered in Cr.No.522 of 2019 dated 09.09.2019 for the alleged offence under Section 406 of Indian Penal Code, 1860. The allegation in this case is that the accused committed theft of auto rickshaw. It is reported that the stolen property has already been recovered and returned to the defacto complainant and the case is presently pending at the stage of warrant. Further, it is submitted that one previous case is pending against the accused and there is no subsequent case. The defacto complainant is not residing at the given address and remains untraceable till date.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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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.4146 of 2020 on the file of the XIII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore Taluk, Chennai shall stand quashed and this Sua Motu Transfer Case stand disposed of.

14.10.2025

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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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