



Suo Motu TR.No. 17483 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(S.T.C.No.701471 of 2017 of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Krishnagiri Taluk,
Krishnagiri)

For Petitioner : Mrs.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 was registered in Cr.No.332 of 2017 dated 01.05.2017 for the alleged offence under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. The allegation in this case is that the accused has stolen four units of sand in a lorry and was attempting to transport the same to Karnataka. The case is pending from the year 2017 for the above said allegation. Further, it is submitted that the case is presently pending at the stage of summons.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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 S.T.C.No.701471 of 2017 on the file of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri, shall stand quashed and this Sua Motu Transfer Case stand disposed of.

24.10.2025

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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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