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Suo Motu TR.No. 17700 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.17700 of 2025

(STC.700429/2018 of JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I, Krishnagiri Taluk,
Krishnagiri)

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sugendran
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Suo Motu Case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Suo Motu.W.P.(CrI.) No.618 of 2025.

2.The case was registered in Cr.No.921 of 2015 for the alleged offence under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 21(1), (IV) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957. The allegation against the accused is that he had committed theft of 3 units of sand. There is no previous case or subsequent case as against the accused. The case is pending at summons stage.

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 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.



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4. Accordingly, the case in STC.700429/2018 on the file of the JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri 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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