



Suo Motu TR.No.18494 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.18494 of 2025
(C.C.No.100080 of 2017 of Principal District Munsif cum Judicial
Magistrate, Gudalur Taluk, Nilgiris)

For Petitioner : Ms.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.This case is registered for alleged offences under Sections 21(d)(e)(f), 45 of TN Forest Act and 25(1)(a) of Arms Act. The allegations in this case is that the accused persons have cut down the teak wood trees on 11.08.2025 from the Reserve Forest Area. It can be seen that the mother case in C.C.No.176 of 2007 ended in acquittal in respect of A1, A2, A4 and A7 and this C.C.Number is pending in respect of A6. So summons was not served. Non Bailable warrant is pending.

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 served, it is



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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.100080 of 2017 on the file of the learned Principal District Munsif-Cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gudalur Taluk, Nilgris** stands quashed. This Suo Motu Transfer Case is 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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