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Suo Motu TR.No.19178 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.19178 of 2025
(C.C.No.70 of 2020 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Dharmapuri Taluk,
Dharmapuri)

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. This case is registered for alleged offences under Sections 6(4) of the TNSC(RDCS) Order, 1982 read with Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The incident occurred on 06.01.2012. The accused were found to be in possession of 255 kgs PDS rice. The accused Nos.2 and 3 went to the trial and the case against them in C.C.No.94 of 2012 ended in conviction in the year 2018. They also served sentence and came out. This case is with reference to the first accused. The summons are not served on the first accused. 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



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is unlikely, and no useful purpose would be served.

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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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3. Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.70 of 2020 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Dharmapuri Taluk, Dharmapuri, stands quashed. This Sua 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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