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Suo Motu TR.No.19187 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.19187 of 2025
(C.C.No.32 of 2022 of Principal District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate
Court, Gudalur Taluk, Nilgiris)

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.57 of 2016 for the alleged offence under Sections 279, 338, 304(A) and 420 IPC. The 3rd accused said to have driven a tipper lorry in a rash and negligent manner and caused death of one Hari Prasanth. The mother case in respect of accused No.1 in C.C.No.32 of 2022 proceeded for trial and ended in acquittal. Similarly, in respect of A2 and A3 also the case ended in acquittal in C.C.No.157 of 2016. The grounds for acquittal also apply to the accused. **The matter has been pending at the stage of service of summon on the accused.**

3.Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the background of



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the accused, the reason for his absence at his place of residence, and the submission made that, despite best efforts, the summon could not be served, it is evident that even if the accused is brought to face trial, it would impinge upon her 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.32 of 2022 of Principal District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Gudalur Taluk, Nilgiris, stands quashed. This Sua Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

16.10.2025

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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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