



Suo Motu TR.No. 19517 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(STC.800265/2018 of Judicial Magistrate Court No:II, Virudhachalam Taluk, Cuddalore)

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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.188 of 2017 dated 23.06.2017 for the alleged offence under Section 4(1)(a), 4(1)(d), 4(1)(i), of The Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 and under Section 353 of IPC. The allegation in this case is that the accused were found to be in possession of 40 litres of Toddy without valid Government licence or permission. It is reported that the case is presently pending at the stage of summons. There is no previous or subsequent case as against the accused.



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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 STC.800265/2018 of Judicial Magistrate Court No:II, Virudhachalam Taluk, Cuddalore shall stand quashed and this Suo 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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