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Suo Motu TR.No. 20302 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(STC.92/2020 of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Pallipattu
Taluk, Tiruvallur)

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.363 of 2017 dated 04.12.2017 for the alleged offence under Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. The allegation in this case is that the accused was found to be in possession of banned tobacco product. It is reported that there is no previous or subsequent case as against the accused and the case is presently pending at the stage of summons.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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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 summon 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 proceedings in STC.92/2020 of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Pallipattu Taluk, Tiruvallur is quashed and this Suo Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

13.10.2025

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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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