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Suo Motu TR.No. 20402 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.10.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.20402 of 2025

(STC.495/2020 of Judicial Magistrate Court No:I, Chidambaram Taluk,  
Cuddalore)

For Petitioner : Mrs.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.The case was registered in Cr.No.949 of 2020 dated 17.09.2020 for the alleged offence under Section 24(1) of CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS ACTS 2003. The accused was found to be in possession of banned tobacco products. For the said allegation, the case is pending from 2020 at summons stage.

3. Considering the nature of allegation, the antecedents of the accused, the reason for absence from his usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, 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.



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**D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.**

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4. Accordingly, the case in STC.495/2020 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court No:I, Chidambaram Taluk, Cuddalore shall stand quashed and this Sua Motu Transfer Case stand disposed of.

15.10.2025

**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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