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Suo Motu TR.No.20742 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(S.T.C.No.220 of 2021 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udthagamandalam Taluk,
Nilgiris)

For Petitioner : Ms.G.V.Kasthuri
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Suo Motu Case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Suo Motu.W.P.(Crl.) No.618 of 2025.

2. The allegations in this case are that on 07.01.2020, the accused protested against the Government for banning the manufacture of pesticides. A case was registered in Cr. No.5 of 2020 on 07.01.2020 for the alleged offences under Sections 143 and 341 of Indian Penal Code,1860. The final report was filed on 27.01.2021, and the accused have been facing trial since then. Thus, it can be seen that the allegations concern exercising the democratic right to protest. Given the context and nature of the allegations, continuing the trial impinges on the right to a speedy trial of the accused. No useful purpose will be served by continuing the case.



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3. Accordingly, the case in S.T.C.No.220 of 2021 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Udthagamandalam Taluk, Nilgiris shall stand quashed and this Sua 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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