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Already, this Court disposed of this Sua Motu Transfer Case on 23.10.2025. However, today, this matter is listed under the caption 'For being mentioned'. The error mentioned is corrected and the following is the corrected order:-

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(S.T.C.No. 1450 of 2019 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam
Taluk, Nilgiris)

For Petitioner : Ms.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.(CrI.) No.618 of 2025.

2. This case is registered for alleged offences under Section 4(A)(1)(b) of Tamil Nadu Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959. The allegation is that the accused posted posters in some places without getting proper permission. For the said allegation, the case is pending from 2015 at summons stage.



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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 S.T.C.No. 1450 of 2019 of Judicial Magistrate Court, Udhagamandalam Taluk, Nilgiris, stands quashed. This Sua Motu Transfer Case is 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.

17.11.2025

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