



Suo Motu TR.No.20921 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. 768 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. This case is registered for alleged offences under Section 4(1)(k) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. The allegation is that the accused allowed persons to drink without any licence in his shop. The incident occurred on 24.01.2021. The de-facto complainant doesn't want to pursue the case further. The case is pending at summons stage.

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



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4. Accordingly, the case in S.T.C.No. 768 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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