AV-29017/50/2020-SDIT-MOCA Government of India Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi 22 Apr 2021

SUBJECT: Conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to West Central Railway (WCR), Katni to use drones at train accident site and maintaining safety and security of railway assets

- 1. Whereas, WCR, Katni ('the Applicant') had, vide email dated 09 Nov 2020 sought an exemption from UAS Rules, 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose.
- 2. Whereas, based on the undertaking provided by the Applicant, approval of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to be obtained by the Applicant from DGCA for the afore-mentioned purpose.
- 3. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 70 of the UAS Rules, 2021, grants conditional exemption to the Applicant for a period of one year or until further orders, whichever is earlier, from the UAS Rules 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose. This shall be subject to complete adherence to the terms and conditions as mentioned in the said SOP.

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