GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

<u>ORDER</u>

No. <u>2</u>223 /A&FE

Date: 5th October, 2023

On receipt of feedback and reports from various sources on the adverse effect of Chemical pesticides, Paraquat on human health & animals, in view of Public Safety and in the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, the State Government hereby makes the following order.

The sale/stock/distribution/manufacturing/use of Paraquat and its derivatives/formulation is hereby banned in the State of Odisha for a period of sixty days, with immediate effect from issue of this Order.

By order of the Governor

Principal Secretary to Government

Date 05.10.2023

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Principal Secretary to Government