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We hereby request that our application for patent no. 3712/CHE/2011 filed on 31.10.2011 for the invention titled "A Process for Preparation of 1-(6-methylpyridin-3-yl)-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl] ethanone" shall be examined under section 12 and 13 of the Act.

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