

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the thesis, entitled "**Ecology and utilization of medicinal plants with special reference to select tribal groups in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve**" is a record of original work done by **Mr. A. Rajasekaran** in the Division of Terrestrial Ecology, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, as a full time Research Scholar during the period of study 1994 - 2000 under my guidance and supervision for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in BOTANY. I further certify that this research work has not previously formed the basis for the award of any other Degree or Diploma or Associateship or Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of this or any other University.

*S. n. n*

Signature of the Guide

DR. S. NARENDRA PRASAD  
Principal Scientist & Head  
Division of Terrestrial Ecology  
Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology  
and Natural History.  
Anaikatty, COIMBATORE - 641 108.

*S. n. n*

Countersigned  
Head of the Department

DR. S. NARENDRA PRASAD  
Principal Scientist & Head  
Division of Terrestrial Ecology  
Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology  
and Natural History.  
Anaikatty, COIMBATORE - 641 108.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Dr. V.S. Vijayan  
DIRECTOR,  
Salim Ali Centre For Ornithology  
and Natural History.  
Anaikathy Coimbatore-641108