

## DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that the thesis entitled "**Ecology and utilization of medicinal plants with special reference to select tribal groups in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve**" submitted to the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in BOTANY, is a record of original and independent research work done by me during 1994 -2000 under the supervision and guidance of Dr. S. N. Prasad, Principal Scientist, Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore and it has not previously formed the basis for the award of any Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of this or any other University.



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