Preface

The majority population of the world irrespective of their sex is accustomed to write with their right hand, few use their left hand and very rarely a person is ambidextrous i.e. using both their left and right hand for the writing. The determination of the handedness of an anonymous, threatening or disguised writings is a vital point of enquiry for a handwriting expert. The handwriting of every person whether male or female is individually acquired as the handwriting is controlled process by nervous system through hand. During the writing process various writing characteristics such as class as well as individual writing characteristics of handwriting are exhibited, from which the identification of writer is ascertained. These characteristics make the handwriting of a person unique and personal. The characteristic features present in the Class and Individual writing characteristics in the handwriting of Left Handed and Right Handed persons are unique and are found mostly or only in the left handed handwriting of a person and rarely or not found in the right handed handwriting of a person and vice versa. Hence these are useful in determining handedness of the writer. In the present study randomly collected writing samples of 500 individuals (250 each of Left and Right Hand), irrespective of their sex were analyzed to find out the unique characteristics for differentiation of left and right handed writings. The outcome of the present study may play a significant role in determining the hand of the writers.