

DECLARATION

I do hereby solemnly declare that the research work presented in the thesis entitled "**Phylogenetic relationships in the sub-tribe Phaseolinae (leguminosae: papilionoideae) as inferred from molecular markers**" has been carried out by me at Regional Plant Resource Centre, Bhubaneswar under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Pratap Chandra Panda, Principal Scientist, Taxonomy and Conservation Division, Regional Plant Resource Centre, Bhubaneswar 751015 and Dr Arup Kumar Mukherjee, Senior Scientist, Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack 753006. No part of this work has been submitted for any other degree or diploma to any other University or Institution. All assistance received during the course of the investigation has been duly acknowledged.

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