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I hereby declare that the work presented in this thesis entitled "Selection, characterization and application of fungicide-tolerant or chitinolytic bacteria for control of fungal diseases of groundnut with special reference to the late leaf spot" has been carried out by me under the supervision of Dr. Appa Rao Podile in the Department of Plant Sciences, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad - 500 046, and that this work has not been submitted for any degree or diploma of any other university or institute.

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