

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the work embodied in this thesis entitled “**Development of *Alternaria carthami* disease resistant transgenic plants of Safflower through overexpression of Chitinase gene transformation**” has been originally carried out by me under the supervision and guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) B.D. Ranjitha Kumari, Professor, Department of Plant Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli – 620 024. I further assure that this work has not been submitted either in whole or part of any other degree or diploma in any other University.

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