DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the matter embodied in this thesis is the result of investigations carried out by me in the School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad under the supervision of Dr. T. P. Radhakrishnan.

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