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I, Prafulla.V, do hereby declare that the thesis entitled "Investigations on the Distribution Characteristics of Heavy Metals in Squid (Loligo spp.) in Relation to Levels in Food Fishes from the West Coast of India with a Perspective on Seafood Safety" is a genuine record of research work done by me under the guidance of Dr. P.T. Lakshmanan, Principal Scientist, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin, and that no part of this work has previously formed the basis for the award of any degree, diploma, associate-ship, fellowship or other similar title of any university or institution.

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