DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the research has been conducted by me at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, and the Department of Studies in Social Work, Karnataka University, Dharwad, under the guidance of Dr. G. S. Bidarakoppa, Professor and Head, Department of Studies in Social Work, Karnataka University.

This Thesis is being submitted in candidacy for the award of the Ph.D. Degree in Social Work, Under the Faculty of Social Sciences, Karnataka University during the month of October, 1982. This Thesis or parts thereof have not been submitted to any other University for any other purpose so far.

Date: 27/9/82

(DR.LA. SHIRIFF)