## **DECLARATION**

I, Mr. Rupesh Kumar, Ph.D. student (Enrolment No. - MBP13007) Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, hereby declare that I have worked as Junior Research Fellow (JRF) from 19-07-2011 to 18-07-2013 and Senior Research Fellow (SRF) from 18-07-2013 to 26-09-2015 in DBT Twinning Project entitled "Studies on Genetic and Epigenetic Alteration in Head and Neck Cancers Prevalent in the North-Eastern Region of India" and submitted a part of project work as a Ph.D. thesis to the Tezpur University in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology under the School of Sciences for partial fulfillment for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. This is an original work carried out by me and no part of this has been reproduced elsewhere for an award of any other degree.

Date: (Rupesh Kumar)

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