

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the dissertation entitled "**SELF HELP GROUPS AND EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN IN WEST BENGAL: A STUDY IN THE DISTRICT OF MALDA**" is an original work and has been completed under the supervision of Prof. Maya Ghosh, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal. To the best of my knowledge it has not been submitted in any other university or institution for a Ph. D. degree or any other award.

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