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This is to certify that Shri Harsha Kumar Das Gupta, Lecturer, Selection Grade of Union Christian Training College, Berhampore, has completed his work on 'Production of Edible Oil in West Bengal: Study of Possibilities in attaining self sufficiency', under my direct supervision and guidance for his Ph.D.(Arts) degree in Geography in North Bengal University. His analyses for production of edible oil and possibilities of its self sufficiency have opened up a new horizon in relation to economic restructuring in the State of West Bengal.

He has fulfilled the requirements of the regulations in relation to the nature and period of research work. This work is the first of its kind done by Shri Das Gupta and so far as I am aware, no research in this format has been done in any Indian and Foreign Universities. The candidate himself has done this work through his field collection of both primary and secondary data and computer processing. He has not published this thesis or part thereof anywhere.

I hope his work will receive proper recognition from the academicians in the field and analyses and suggestions will help bring self sufficiency, eliminating the constraints and exploring the new sources in the way to accelerate production and ameliorating the consumption rate of edible oil in West Bengal.

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