STATEMENT - 2

METHODOLOGY, SOURCES AND ORIGINALITY

I have divided my study into five chapters with specific headings keeping in mind the systematic presentation of the contents. The comprehensive, comparative and critical methods have been adopted in the preparation of the thesis.

I have fully drawn upon all the relevant published and unpublished literature.

I have collected all the available materials on Uttararāmacaritam.

To the best of my knowledge, an attempt is made for the first time to make comparative, critical and comprehensive study on the six commentaries of *Uttararāmacarita*m undertaken for study.

The study is presented in the five chapters.
