

STATEMENT

SOURCES, INDEBTEDNESS AND ORIGINALITY

In the preparation of the present thesis, I have fully drawn upon all the available published literature on the above topic. All the sources, quotations and references occurring in the present thesis have been verified properly and traced to the original source.

I have studied the texts of the Minor *Upaniṣads* along with their published commentaries, which were available to me. I have carefully gone through all the available relevant literature and lastly after critically evaluating all the literature and sources, I have tried to express my own views in the light of the texts of *Prasthānatrayī*, prominent works of Śaṅkarācārya and the opinions of the commentators like Śaṅkarānanda, Nārāyaṇa Sarasvatī, *Upaniṣad* Brahma yogī etc.