Signed statement from the applicant to the effect that the research work under reference has not been given any Fellowship in the past. The applicant should also indicate the extent of the contribution of others associated with the research and he/she should clearly identify his/her achievements (not to exceed 500 words)

I, Dr. Ganeshkumar Parasuraman, hereby affirm that the research work associated with the "India Hypertension Control Initiative" and the "Community Control of Hypertension and Diabetes (CoCo-HD) program" in the Indian states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, have not received any Fellowship support in the past.

These projects were carried out to address significant public health issues related to hypertension, and diabetes. However, it is important to clarify that no Fellowship has been awarded to support these research efforts. The work conducted was made possible through institutional backing, collaborative contributions, and a dedication to improving public health outcomes without the assistance of Fellowship funding.

In conducting these research initiatives, I collaborated with several esteemed colleagues and institutions. Their contributions were invaluable in various aspects of the research, including data collection, analysis, and interpretation. However, I take full responsibility for the conceptualization, design, and overall execution of these studies. My specific achievements include leading the research design, coordinating the projects across multiple sites, performing critical data analysis, and drafting the final manuscripts for publication. The successful outcomes of these projects reflect the collective efforts of all involved, with my role being central in steering the research from inception to completion. This statement serves to highlight the extent of contributions from others while clearly identifying my key achievements within these research projects. Additionally, I confirm that none of these studies have benefited from any Fellowship awards, underscoring the integrity and transparency of the research process.

Sincerely,

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