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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing this letter for recommending Mr. P. Marimuthu for the post of Scientist. I am his Ph. D. supervisor and he joined my research group as a JRF in Dec 2002 in the Project" Spice Essential Oils -Potential Food Preservatives" sponsored by LSRB, DRDO, after qualifying GATE 2002 Examination. Presently, he is working as a SRF. Within a short period of 2 years and 7 months, he did recommendable work in the field of natural product chemistry, biocidal investigations and antioxidant activity of spice essential oils and their extracts. He studied antioxidative effects of various spice essential oils and oleoresins in edible oils such as linseed, rapeseed and mustard.

His dissertation is on, "Chemistry and biocidal activities essential oils and oleoresins from Spicy materials". Besides this, he has worked extensively on antioxidant behaviour of spice volatile oils and extracts in various systems. He is also interested in active principles and mechanism of action. He is well in various analytical techniques. His hard working nature and deep understanding of the field resulted good publications in journals of international repute. He has communicated ten papers out of these six are published.

I wish him all success in life.

(Gurdip Singh)