

Email: slata@mit.gov.in
Telephone: 011-24301242

13(5)/2008-HCC(TDIL)

May 11th, 2009

Subject: Encoding of Grantha Script in the Unicode Standard.

Reference: Proposal to Encode the Grantha Script in the Basic Multilingual Plane (Document L2/09-141).

Dear Dr Davis,

This is with reference to the proposal submitted to Unicode Technical Committee by Mr. Naga Ganeshan, Houston, Texas, USA to encode Grantha Script in the BMP of Unicode Standard.

The Grantha script belongs to Southern Brahmi branch of Indian scripts. Department of Information Technology is working on the proposal to encode Grantha in the Unicode Standard. As Grantha is supposed to have derived from Tamil it is very much important that due consultation is made with the Government of Tamil Nadu regarding its completeness and correctness before any decision is taken with regard to its encoding in the Unicode.

The draft proposal prepared by Government of India in consultation with the Indian experts and the proposal submitted by Prof. Naga Ganeshan are being referred to Government of Tamil Nadu for their inputs to avoid any discrepancy with regard to encoding of the same.

As this proposal is submitted to UTC very recently, it may not be possible to give feedback on the proposal before the upcoming UTC meeting. Kindly defer any decision with regard to this proposal till GOI submits its feedback to UTC.

.....Continued

With regard to encoding of the additional characters in the Devanagari block for representation Kashmiri in Devanagari, experts have identified some more characters over and above the characters proposed in document L2/08-250. We are submitting the comprehensive proposal for the same before the August UTC meeting.

In view of the above, it is requested that UTC may please wait for GOI inputs on the above issues.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,

(Swaran Lata)

Dr. Mark E. Davis,
President
The Unicode Consortium
P.O. Box 391476
Mountain View, CA 94039-1476
USA

COPY TO:

Shri Manikandan K
Scientist-B,
Electronics & IT Department
Bureau of Indian standards
Manak Bhawan
9, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
New Delhi 110 002

:With a request to forward the letter to the respective Working Group of ISO with a request to take it up for discussion in ISO-WG only after we send our final recommendations.