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To

The South Asia Subcommittee,

Unicode Technical Committee

Dear Sir/Madam

I have reviewed the Grantha code chart approved by the Unicode Tech Committee shown in document, L2/10-265R. It looks good and it is important that the two Virama signs of the Grantha script are properly named.

My letter is with respect to U+1134F GRANTHA SIGN LIGATING VIRAMA.

In the Grantha script, there are only two places where the ligating Virama occurs: (a) word-final position and (b) breaks that require a pause.

Taking this Linguistic aspect into account, the 1134F code point should be named as either GRANTHA SIGN PREPAUSAL VIRAMA or GRANTHA SIGN PREPAUSAL LIGATING VIRAMA. In the published literature on Grantha script, you can find this name, and I recommend that the word, *prepausal* be added to the character name of U+1134F.

If you have further questions, please call me at 9968 474753 (Delhi, India).

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Nachimuthu', is written over the printed name.

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