

**Title:** Proposal to Reallocate Sharada EKAM  
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## 1 Introduction

This document requests the reallocation of the character U+111C9 SHARADA EKAM to the code point U+111DA within the Sharada block. The character is not yet encoded, but is in active ballot.

## 2 Justification

The request for the reallocation of U+111C9 SHARADA EKAM is motivated by the need to encode additional characters in the Sharada block, which should be allocated contiguously on account of the functional relationships between them. For example, the character \*SHARADA DOUBLE SEPARATOR has been identified, but has not yet been proposed for encoding. Ideally, it would be encoded adjacent to U+111C8 SHARADA SEPARATOR at U+111C9. However, this position is occupied by SHARADA EKAM.

The Sharada block has few available code points for new characters. It is practical to ensure that contiguous code points are occupied by related characters. For this reason, the not yet encoded U+111C9 SHARADA EKAM should be reallocated to U+111DA. Moving SHARADA EKAM to column U+111Dx will not cause any adverse effects; rather it will enhance the organizational logic of the Sharada block.

## 3 Overview of Current and Planned Allocations

Shown below are the current and planned allocations for the empty code points in the Sharada block. The ‘Current’ column includes characters that have been accepted for inclusion in the UCS, but not yet encoded. The ‘Planned’ column shows the requested new allocation for SHARADA EKAM, as well as characters for which encoding proposals have been submitted or will be submitted in the future.

### Current:

```
111C9 SHARADA EKAM
111CA <reserved>
111CB <reserved>
111CC <reserved>
111CD SHARADA SUTRA MARK
111CE <reserved>
111CF <reserved>
...
111DA <reserved>
111DB <reserved>
111DC <reserved>
111DD <reserved>
111DE <reserved>
111DF <reserved>
```

### Planned:

```
111C9 SHARADA DOUBLE SEPARATOR
111CA SHARADA SIGN NUKTA
111CB SHARADA VOWEL MODIFIER MARK
111CC SHARADA EXTRA SHORT VOWEL MARK
111CD SHARADA BAKHSHALI SUTRA MARK
111CE SHARADA BAKHSHALI MINUS SIGN
111CF <reserved>
...
111DA SHARADA EKAM
111DB SHARADA HEADSTROKE
111DC SHARADA GAP FILLER-1
111DD SHARADA GAP FILLER-2
111DE SHARADA GAP FILLER-3
111DF <reserved>
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