

Character Name of U+1133B

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1.0 Introduction: In the last UTC meeting, it was approved to have an under-dot sign in the Grantha block at U+1133B. As the scripts of South India are historically related to one another than with scripts of North India, the proposal was made. This will be used to write sounds of Dravidian hill (Nilgiris) and ancient tribal languages sounds such as voiced letters in Toda, Badaga, Irula, Paliya, Malasar, Kota etc., This is important as these Dravidian languages are fast disappearing and the original native speakers are reducing by the numbers in each decade. This was discussed in INFITT, and the underdot sign was requested to be moved away from Tamil block in BMP to U+1133B. My proposal on this request is titled as: Proposal to Encode Single-dot Sign at U+1133B Comment on M. Hosken’s Badaga dot sign Proposal (L2/15-256). We thank UTC for the approval of moving the code point, originally proposed by Mr. Hosken, to U+1133B next to the two-dot combining sign in that code chart.

2.0 Character Name for U+1133B: Unicode pipeline of proposed characters, <http://www.unicode.org/alloc/Pipeline.html> gives:

1133B	1	COMBINING BINDU BELOW
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Upon getting the advice from Dravidian linguists (Prof. K. Nachimuthu, Chair, Dept. of Linguistics, Central University, Tamil Nadu) and historians (Dr. R. Nagaswamy, Dept. of Archaeology director (Retd.)), we make the request to use Classical form, VINDU, that fits with South Indian scripts’ character naming tradition instead of the Vernacular form, BINDU. For example, Bengal/Bangla is Vernacular while Vangla is Classical. While for North Indian scripts such as Devanagari or Bengali, the character name, BINDU may be appropriate, the South Indian scripts’ word is in its Classical form, VINDU “drop, seed, dot” etc., In fact, this can be seen in South India related scripts in the standard’s character names: (1) BALINESE WINDU U+1B5C (2) JAVANESE PADA WINDU U+A9C6 etc., Hence, our request is to encode the U+1133B as **COMBINING VINDU BELOW**. Thanks.