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Dear Dr. Mark Davis.

Please refer the proposal for Encoding of Grantha in Unicode submitted by Govt. of India. Based on the concerns expressed by Government of Tamil Nadu, Govt of India requested Unicode Consortium to defer the decision on the Grantha encoding. Government of Tamil Nadu had constituted a committee to examine the various issues with respect to encoding of Grantha. The committee has submitted its report to Government of Tamil Nadu.

The gist of the recommendations of the committee has been communicated to Govt. of India by Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Based on the recommendation of Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Govt. of India provisionally recommends that the following seven characters may be treated as withdrawn from the earlier Gol proposal (L2/10-426):

Code	Glyph	NAME OF THE CHARACTER
1130E	்	GRANTHA LETTER E
		*for transcribing Dravidian short /e/
11312	<del>ငံ</del>	GRANTHA LETTER O
		*for transcribing Dravidian short /o/
11329	ळा	GRANTHA LETTER NNNA
		*for transcribing Dravidian alveolar nasal
11331	ற	GRANTHA LETTER RRA
		*for transcribing Dravidian alveolar /r/
11334	æ	GRANTHA LETTER LLLA
		*for transcribing Dravidian retroflex continuant
11346	<b>ీ</b>	GRANTHA VOWEL SIGN E
		*for transcribing Dravidian short /e/
1134A	்ா	Grantha Vowel Sign O
		*for transcribing Dravidian short /o/

The process to obtain approval of Competent Authority on the above issue in the Govt. of India is underway; and no sooner it is obtained, formal communication will be sent to the Unicode Consortium. Regards,

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