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Govt. of Andhra Pradesh's inputs on document no. { HYPERLINK
"http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2012/12015-telugu-llla-proposal.pdf" }

At our request Prof. G. Uma Maheshwar Rao, head of the Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies [CALTS] at the University of Hyderabad, has reviewed the document L2/12-015 titled "Proposal to encode 0C34 TELUGU LETTER LLLA." The proposal is most welcome and this character should have encoded in the Telugu block quite long ago, but it remained a desideratum.

There are umpteen number of modern usages involving the use of this letter as in the case of Linguistic and cultural writings, religious writings belonging to Shaiva and Vaishnava literature, and transliterated texts of Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam texts. The requirement of the letter is sometimes circumvented by using diacritics, sometimes obsolete Telugu symbol or the Tamil symbol which is readily available. We have been working on this for quite some time and written to the DIT (Department of Information Technology), Ministry of Communications & Information Technology of the Government of India for the recognition and encoding of this character in the Unicode chart way back in 2001.

Thanks to the group Shriramana Sharma, Suresh Kolichala, Nagarjuna Venna, and Vinodh Rajan who have taken the step to propose it. We extend our full support to this effort.


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