

Govt. of Andhra Pradesh's inputs on document no. L2/12-016

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 L2/12-016 titled "Proposal to encode 0C5A TELUGU LETTER RRRA." The proposal is for encoding the alveolar stop sign used in some ancient inscriptions.

Although this symbol is useful to transcribe ancient inscriptions, its exact phonetic quality is unknown. It is clear from the inscriptions that this symbol was used in addition to the symbol for alveolar trill (0C31 TELUGU LETTER RRA). Based on the instances of its usage and their modern reflexes, one can only speculate that the symbol was used to encode the voiced alveolar stop ( ). However, since the exact phonetic quality of this symbol is not well-established, we recommend that the name for symbol should be modified as TELUGU ALTERNATE ALVEOLAR CONSONANT.

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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