Request to reallocate one character within the Grantha block

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In my document L2/13-061 N4432 I had proposed one character:

GRANTHA SIGN COMBINING ANUSVARA ABOVE

… for addition to the to-be-published Grantha block. The character was accepted at the 2013 May UTC (ref: L2/13-058) and 2013 Jun WG2 meetings (ref: L2/13-144 N4404).

The character was proposed for the codepoint 1137D near the end of the block. It is now requested to reallocate the character to 11300 the first code point in the block.

The codepoint 1137D was proposed to be near the end of the block to isolate this rare use character and in consideration of my other much earlier proposal L2/10-341 (not submitted to the WG2) which had asked for two other rare use characters to be encoded at 1137E and 1137F. However in UTC #136 held in 2013 Jul-Aug, the UTC has declined to encode the characters proposed for 1137E and 1137F (ref: L2/13-132 D.2.1).

It is hence no longer meaningful to relegate the character to the end of the block and especially not at 1137D which would create a hole at 1137E and 1137F.

It would thus be appropriate to reallocate the character GRANTHA SIGN COMBINING ANUSVARA ABOVE currently proposed at 1137D to the first code point of the block 11300 for the following reasons:

1) to avoid a 'hole' in the Grantha block at 1137E and 1137F.

2) to group the character with the existing nasality characters 11301 GRANTHA SIGN CANDRABINDU and 11302 GRANTHA SIGN ANUSVARA (see L2/11-284R N4135R)

3) and to fill up the existing hole at 11300.

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