Feedback on Grantha document N4198 L2/12-039

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This is a quick note on Michael Everson's document N4198 L2/12-039 which proposes two additional characters for Grantha.

Grantha NNNA

The attestation for NNNA is provided as:



taniślōkam

The author states that this is a Grantha text and as justification for this draws our attention to the stacked SHA above LA in \dot{slo} after the letter \dot{ni} / \dot{smlo} / NNNI, noting that such stacking behaviour is not attested in Tamil, implying that this is therefore a Grantha text. He further states that the rest of the characters in this word are common to both Grantha and Tamil.

However, the vowel sign G Π combining with the very same stacked \hat{slo} is so far not attested in Grantha. Neither is the MA or pulli virama seen in \dot{D} at the end of the word. Both of these are so far attested only for Tamil.

Therefore this attestation is imperfect and cannot serve as sufficient basis for encoding a Grantha NNNA.

Grantha LLLA

For Grantha LLLA, this proposal provides only one attestation. It is recommended that further attestation be collected and provided before a proposal is made for Grantha LLLA.