

Subject:Request to use character name, TTTA - Comment on L2/12-016

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(1) Comment on "Proposal to encode 0C5A TELUGU LETTER RRRA"

L2/12-016 document, pg. 2 states:

"It has been suggested (ref 2) that in the early Telugu language, the alveolar stop t/d was phonemically distinct from the alveolar trill r (at least for a brief period of time):

A careful analysis of the reflexes of Proto-Dravidian *t in Central Dravidian languages shows that there is sufficient evidence for reconstructing not one, but two separate phonemes in its place — a stop (*t) and a resonant (*r). "

This alveolar t letter is already encoded for Malayalam code chart as TTTA, and so same character name in the corresponding position be used for Telugu alveolar t as well.

(2) Several shapes for Tamil credit sign and number sign available:

Recently, epigraphist R. Nagaswamy and other specialists gave reference paper, published by Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society, It has several glyphs for Month sign, Date sign, Number sign and Tamil credit sign. Just like Tamil OM sign has many glyphs, month, date, number and credit sign (with letter VA is used in printed books) need to have just one atomic code point.

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