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From Thiru T.K.Ramachandran, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government.

To Ms. Lisa More, Chair Unicode Consortium, P.O. Box 391476, Mountain View, CA 94039-1476 United States of America, (By email: <u>lisam@us.ibm.com</u>)

Madam,

Sub: Information Technology Department-Recommendations of Tamil fraction and special symbols in Unicode—Postponement of decision in Unicode Technical committee— Requested—Sent-Regarding.

Ref: Email from Lisa Moore, Chair, Unicode Consortium dated 03.11.2015.

I invite kind attention to the reference cited and to state that the Unicode Consortium had informed that the draft recommendations for adding Tamil symbols and fractions in the Tamil supplement block will be voted on in the January/February 2016 time frame (http://www.unicode.org/L2/ L2015/15187.htm#144-A13).

2. In this connection, a draft proposal received from Tamil Virtual Academy is under scrutiny and it will require a few more meetings with the experts to arrive at the final recommendations.

3. Therefore, it is requested not to take any final decision about the encoding standards of Tamil fractions and special symbols until the Government of Tamil Nadu finalizes its report shortly. The Unicode Consortium may kindly defer the above subject till the Government of Tamil Nadu submits its final proposal.

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Secretary to Government.

Copy to: Shri Narendra Singh, Head, Electronics Division, Bureau of Indian Standards, 9, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002.

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