ABSTRACT
Information Technology Department – Unicode and Tamil All Character
Encoding (TACE16) Fonts - Distribution of Tamil Fonts and Tamil Keyboard
Drivers for 16-bit encodings – Orders - Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (E.Gov.I) DEPARTMENT
G.O.Ms. No.5

Dated: 26.03.2013

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.2, Information Technology (B) Department, dated 12.1.2007
2. G.O.Ms.No.29, Information Technology (B1) Department, dated 23.6.2010
3. G.O.Ms. No. 3, Information Technology (B1) Department, dated 1.2.2011

ORDER:

In the Government Order second read above, the Government declared Unicode as current standard for Tamil encoding and the orders were issued.

2. In order to implement the Tamil 16-bit encoding standards (Unicode and TACE16), a Technical Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.R. Nakkeeran, Director of Tamil Virtual Academy with the following as members:

- Thiru. P. Chellappan, Member
- Thiru. Mani Manivannan, Member
- Thiru J.D.Prince, Member from National Informatics Centre, Government of India, Member
- A member from Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Government of India, Member.

The Committee discussed elaborately and finalized the Development of Tamil Fonts and Tamil Keyboard drivers for 16-bit encoding standards (Unicode and TACE16) for all operating systems like Windows, Macintosh and Linux. The Director, Tamil Virtual Academy has now informed that 5 Numbers each of Tamil fonts and Tamil keyboard drivers for both Unicode and TACE 16 have been developed and suggested names for the same.
3. He has requested the Government to make necessary arrangements for approving these fonts and keyboard drivers to be used by all the Government departments and general public.

4. After careful examination, the Government accept the proposal of the Director, Tamil Virtual Academy to launch the Unicode and Tamil All Character Encoding (TACE 16) Bit encoding standards based fonts and keyboard drivers and approve the following names for the fonts as found in the annexure to this order.

   1. Barathi
   2. Kabilar
   3. Kambar
   4. Valluvar
   5. Kaveri

5. The Director, Tamil Virtual Academy is requested to take steps to distribute the fonts to all Government Departments / Heads of Departments.

   (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

   S.K.PRABAKAR
   SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director,
Tamil Virtual Academy, Anna University Campus,
Gandhi Mandapam Road, Kottur, Chennai - 600 025.
All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9.
All District Collectors.
All Heads of Departments.
Copy to
The PA to Hon’ble Minister for School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare Department, Chennai-9.
The PA to Principal Secretary -II to Hon’ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.
The Chief Minister’s Office, Chennai -9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to Minister Information Technology, Chennai-9.
State Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre, Chennai-90.
Web Admin, NIC, Chennai -9.
SF/SC

/Forwarded / By Order/

Section Officer.
## Annexure

### UNICODE FONTS

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### TACE 16 FONTS

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All the above fonts can be used with Regular, Italic, Bold and Bold Italic

S.K. PRABAKAR,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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26/31/2013