Letter No. 76601 /Fin(BPE)/2013 dated:27.12.2013

From
Thiru T.Udhayachandran, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government (Expenditure)

To
The Chief Executive Officers of State Public Sector
    Undertakings / Statutory Boards.

Sir/ Madam,

Sub: State Public Sector Undertakings/ Statutory Boards- Free
      Tamil Unicode Fonts software developed by Tamil Virtual
      Academy- Usage in Government Departments- Orders-
      Extension of the orders to State Public Sector Undertakings/
      Statutory Boards -regarding.

Ref: 1)G.O.Ms.No.5/ Information Technology (E.Gov.I)Dept
      dt.26.3.2013

      2) Letter No.3973/e.Gov.I/2013-1 dt.20.11.2013 of
      Information Technology Dept, Secretariat, Chennai-9

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        I am directed to enclose the copy of each of the above orders for
guidance and for taking appropriate action.

                                        Yours faithfully,

                                for Secretary to Government (Expenditure)

Copy to:

All Secretaries to Government, Secretariat, Chennai-9
All Finance Directors.
Fin(OP-M)Dept.

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
நந்தன, பங்குனி 13
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2044

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
4. Letter from the Director, Tamil Virtual Academy, No.TVA/SW/TF-TKD/2010, dated 25.7.2011.

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

Sl. No.	Font Name	Font Sample
1.	TAU-Barathi-Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
2.	TAU-Kabilar-Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
3.	TAU-Kambar-Regular	தமிழ் நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
4.	TAU-Valluvar – Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
5.	TAU-Kaveri-Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்

TACE 16 FONTS

Sl. No.	Font Name	Font Sample
1.	TAC-Barathi-Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
2.	TAC-Kabilar-Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
3	TAC – Kambar - Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
4	TAC – Valluvar - Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்
5	TAC – Kaveri - Regular	தமிழ்நாடு அரசு – வாய்மையே வெல்லும்

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

S.K. PRABAKAR,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

/TRUE COPY/

Section Officer.
26/3/2013

Letter No.3973/e.Gov.I/2013-1 dated 20.11.2013.

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

To
Additional Chief Secretary/
Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to Government,
Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9.(w.e)

The Secretary,
Legislative Assembly Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.(w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Free Tamil Unicode Fonts software developed by Tamil Virtual Academy – Usage in all Government Departments - Regarding.

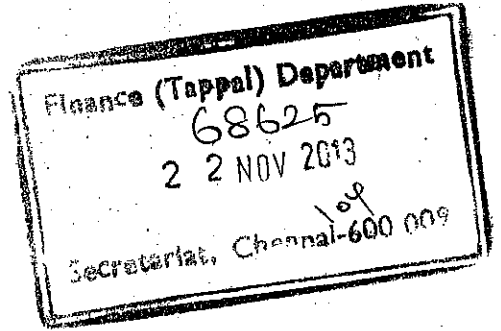Ref: G.O.(Ms) No. 5, I.T.(e.Gov.I) Dept., dated 26.03.2013.

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I am directed to inform you that in the reference cited (copy enclosed), the Government have approved and launched the Tamil Unicode and Tamil All Characters Encoding (TACE-16) based fonts and keyboard drivers, developed by Tamil Virtual Academy, for use by all Government departments and general public. These fonts and drivers are made available in the website of Tamil Virtual Academy (http://tamilvu.org/tkbd/index.htm) and are free of cost.

2. It has come to the notice of the Government that the Secretariat Departments/ Heads of Departments are using various other purchased proprietary fonts which are costly. I am to request you to install and use the free Tamil Unicode Fonts instead of proprietary fonts like VANAVIL AVVAIYAR etc. in your Department.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary to Government

Copy To :-
The Hon'ble Chief Minister Office,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.