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CIRCULAR

This is in continuation to the circular dated 16.11.2009 and titles "Guidelines for utilization of 3% Plan Budget by Government Departments for e-Governance Initiatives" which seeks to give an impetus and right direction to development and implementation of e-Governance initiatives, including Mission Mode Projects under National e-Governance Plan, in the State.

Government of India has emphasized that uniform Standards in e-Governance are a high priority activity so as to help ensure sharing of information and seamless interoperability of data across e-Governance applications. It is also felt that lack of availability of information in local languages has resulted in slow progress in the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) sector and the benefits of ICT have not percolated down to the common man.

Considering the necessity to meet the above mentioned requirements, "Localization and Language Technology" is being addressed on priority under Standardization. Hence, Competent Authority on Standards, Government of India has approved **Unicode 5.1.0** as character Encoding Standard for all e-Governance Applications.

In this context, notification dated 27.11.2009 issued by Department of Information Technology, Government of India notifies **Unicode 5.1.0** and all its future versions as the Standard for e-Governance Applications with effect from 27.11.2009.

Therefore, all the Departments should ensure use of **Unicode 5.1.0** and all its future version for e-Governance projects as per "Guidelines for utilization of 3% Plan Budget by Government Departments for e-Governance Initiatives" issued earlier by this Department

Details about **Unicode 5.1.0** are available on <http://unicode.org/versions/Unicode5.1.0>

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NOTIFICATION

Unicode 5.1.0

No. 2(32)/2009-EG-II: Whereas Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India (GOI) is driving the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) which seeks to create the right Governance and institutional mechanism and implement a number of Mission Mode Projects at the Centre and State Government; and


Whereas under NeGP, GOI is promoting the usage of Open Standards to avoid any technology lock-ins; and

Whereas Standards in e-Governance are a high priority activity, which will help ensure sharing of information and seamless interoperability of data across e-Governance applications. DIT, GOI has set up an Institutional Mechanism under NeGP to evolve/ adopt Standards for e-Governance; and

Whereas because of the lack of availability of information in local language there has been a slow progress in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and the benefits of ICT have not percolated down to the common man. Hence, "Localization and Language Technology" is an important area which is being addressed under Standardization; and

Whereas the Competent Authority on Standards has approved **Unicode 5.1.0** as Character Encoding Standard which is widely recognized all over the world for representation of multilingual text and also supports Indian languages as well as will ease Localization of applications for all the constitutionally recognized Indian languages; and

Therefore, Department of Information Technology, Government of India hereby notifies **Unicode 5.1.0** and its future versions as the Standard for e-Governance Applications w.e.f the date of notification.


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