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NOTIFICATION

ISO/IEC-14496-OFF (Open Font Format)

No. 2(32)/2009-EG-II: Whereas Department of Information Tecnology (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

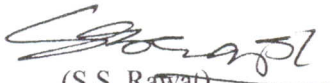
Whereas under NeGP, GOI is promoting the usage of Open Standards to avoid any technology lock-ins; and

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 **ISO/IEC-14496-OFF (Open Font Format)** as the Font Standard which is based on a single International Standard and comply with UNICODE for data storage. This ensures data portability across various applications and platforms; and

Therefore, Department of Information Technology, Government of India hereby notifies **ISO/IEC-14496-OFF (Open Font Format)** as the Font Standard for e-Governance Applications for all the 22 Indian Languages w.e.f the date of notification.


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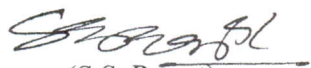



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