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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Subhastambha, Jajpur Town, Dist. - Jajpur
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : Chandesvara Monolithic Pillar

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86° 20' 16" E **LATITUDE** 20° 50' 29" N **ELEVATION** 32 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Jajpur Town (Chandesvara)
Post : Devidwar **Via**: Devidwar
Tehsil: Jajpur Town **District**: Jajpur
State : Orissa **PIN**: 755007

Approach : The Subhastambha is located in Chandesvara area of Jajpur town and adjacent to the Atharanala bridge on the river Mandakini and about one and half kilometers, from the town bus-stand.

3. Property Type

Buildings

- Palace
- Fort
- Citadel
- Govt. building
- Railway station
- Defence building
- Industrial building
- Other public buildings
- Residential building

Religious structures

- Temple
- Mosque
- Minar
- Church
- Monastery
- Stupa
- Tomb, Mausoleum

Other Structures

- Wall
- Gateway
- Pillar
- Others (specify)

Engineering structure

- Bridge
- Tunnel
- Other engineering structure

Open space and related structures

- Public square
- Park or garden
- Graveyard
- Baolis, Well
- Tank
- Cave

Note:

The monolithic pillar assignable to circa.11th century A.D, is one of the best specimen of craftsmanship in Orissa. It is locally known as Subhastambha or Chandesvara pillar, possibly erected by Yayati-I of the Somavamsi dynasty to commemorate his victory over this land.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : Abandoned

Present : Abandoned, but now a tourist point of attraction
Past : Commemorative pillar

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Somavamsi rule
YEARS : 10th/11th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : ---
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : Renovated and conserved by Archaeological Survey of India
Destruction / Demolition : Now the crowning element is missing.

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Single

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Protected Monument of Archaeological Survey of India
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : ---
Name : Archaeological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar Circle,
Address : 153 VIP Area, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
Phone : 0674 2558170

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : Yayati-I of Somavamsi dynasty
In Rituals : ---
In Building Construction : The Somavamsi king Yayati-I built this pillar probably to commemorate his victory over this land.
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Presently under the care of Archaeological Survey of India.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	✓	Architectural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	✓	Archaeological
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:	On the basis of artistic style, the pillar can be dated to the 10 th century A.D. i.e. the Somavamsi rule in Orissa

