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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Chudangagada, Baranga, Dist. - Cuttack
Past : Sarangagada
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°48'25" E **LATITUDE** 20°25'16" N **ELEVATION** 100 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Baranga
Post : Baranga **Via**: Cuttack
Tehsil: Cuttack **District**: Cuttack
State : Orissa **PIN**: 754005

Approach : The fort is located 14 kms north of Bhubaneswar and 9 kms south-west of Cuttack and situated near the Baranga Railway station.

3. Property Type

| Buildings | Religious structures | Other Structures |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palace | <input type="checkbox"/> Temple | <input type="checkbox"/> Wall |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosque | <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citadel | <input type="checkbox"/> Minar | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government building | <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Railway station | <input type="checkbox"/> Monastery | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defence building | <input type="checkbox"/> Stupa | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial building | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomb, Mausoleum | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other public buildings | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential building | | |

| Engineering structure | Open space and related structures | Note: |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Public square | The fort is a <i>giridurga</i> of medieval Orissa and built by Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva in the 12 th century AD. It is considered one of the Pancha-Kataka (five capitals) built by the Ganga dynasty. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Park or garden | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other engineering structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Graveyard | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Baolis, Well | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave | |

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : Abandoned

Present : Abandoned
Past : Military cantonment & royal residential complex.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Ganga rule
YEARS : 12th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : ---
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE /MULTIPLE : Multiple

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (vide notification no S.R.C. 303 dated 23.02.1951) and also under the Chandaka Forest Division.
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : ---
Name :
Address : Archaeological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar Circle, 153, VIP Area, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, Pin - 751015
Phone : 0674-2558170

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva (1077-1147AD) built this fort.
In Rituals : ---
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Originally the Gangas of Orissa, now 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 | ✓ | Historical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other (specify) | : | The ruins of archaeological vestige of the fort shows that it was a metropolitan establishment of the Imperial Gangas. |

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context**
Urban / Rural Setting : * **Drawings** (Attach extra sheet if necessary): No
Surroundings : Rural setting

- **Quantification**
Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 1,700 mtrs x 1,500 mtrs x 14.00 mtrs
(m / cm/ feet / inch)

- Number of Blocks : ---
Number of Storys : ---

- **Spatial Organization**
Orientation : Oriented east-west longitudinally.
Plan : Rectangular on plan.
Allocation of Spaces : 1700 mtrs (L) x 1500 mtrs (W) -Fortification wall

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
Exteriors : The fort is provided with rampart wall & four gate ways, one on each side in which the southern gate way still exists in a dilapidated condition and the moat runs only along with the southern rampart.

- Interiors : Several ruins & remains like – *Solapuri uasa* (a place of 16 rooms), *Chaula ghara*, religious shrines, water bodies etc are found inside the fort.

- Movable Collections : Among the archaeological findings of the fort are potteries like – Red ware, Red-slip ware, Black ware, Black-slipped ware, iron objects such as iron clamps, hooks, nails, daggers, swords, arrow heads etc. and fragments of stone ware, broken pieces of lamps and broken pieces of an *udyotasimha*.

- * **Any Other** (specify) : Large number of waterbodies found inside the fort area.

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : Fortified settlement with palace complex in the southern side.

- Building Techniques** : Ashlar masonry

- Material of Construction** : Sandstone and laterite blocks are used for the construction of the buildings inside the fort and only laterite block is used in the compound wall.

11. Condition Assessment

In General

Good / Fair : ---

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sign of Deterioration |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Serious Deterioration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Danger of Disappearance |

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

The fort is in a dilapidated condition, and there is growth of wild vegetation in the fortification wall as well as in the fort area.

12. Threats to the Property

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Natural |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Negligence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vandalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Pressures |

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SECTION III: REFERENCES

13. Reference Sources (published and unpublished textual details)

1. N. C. Behuria (ed.), 1977, *Orissa District Gazetteers*, Cuttack.
2. R. P. Mohapatra, 1986, *Archaeology in Orissa*, Vol. - II, New Delhi.

14. Photographs

(Attach list as in page 6, in case of multiple photographs)

Photo Reference :
CAPTION :

15. Audio / Video

(related to rituals / performance / festivals etc.)

Reference :
DESCRIPTION :

16. Maps/Plans/Drawings

17. Listers

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