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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Apsidal Chaitya, Lalitagiri, Dist.-Cuttack
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : Chandraditya Mahavihara

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86° 15' 10" E **LATITUDE** 20° 35'27"N **ELEVATION** 105 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Lalitagiri
Post : Patna **Via**: Mahanga
Tehsil: Mahanga **District**: Cuttack
State : Orissa **PIN**: 754206

Approach : The apsidal chaitya is located on the Lalitagiri hillock and situated at a distance of 1.7 kms from Bandareswar chowk, on N.H 5 (A) running from Chandikhol to Paradeep.

3. Property Type

Buildings

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

Engineering structure

Bridge
Tunnel
Other engineering structure

Religious structures

Temple
Mosque
Minar
Church
Monastery
Stupa
Tomb, Mausoleum

Open space and related structures

Public square
Park or garden
Graveyard
Baolis, Well
Tank

Other Structures

Wall
Gateway
Pillar
Others (specify)
✓ **Chaitya**

Note:

The brick *chaitya griha* is apsidal on plan having a structural stupa at the rear end. It has as usual component such as apse.

Cave

component such as apse, axial and nave. The stupa at the rear end provided with a *pradakshina patha*. The chaitya graham also provided with a stone pavement *pradakshina patha* of letter construction as evidence from the excavation.

4. Property Use

**ABANDONED / IN Abandoned
USE :**

Present : Presently the site is a point of tourist destination.
Past : Worshipped place of the Buddhist monk.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : The chaitya *griha* was existed during the Bhaumakara and Somavamsi period.
YEARS : 8th -12th centuries A.D
Precise date of Construction : ---
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : The chaitya *griha* was excavated, renovated and conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India.
Destruction / Demolition : The chaitya *griha* is partly existed which was conserved by Archaeological Survey of India.

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.
Address : Bhuabaneswar Circle, 153,V.I.P.Area Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar.
Phone : 0674-2558170

7. Association

WITH EVENTS

In History : ---
In Rituals : ---
In Building Construction : ---

Any other (specify) : ---
WITH PERSONS
Patron : It is looked after by 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)	: On the basis of architectural ground and excavated material remains the chaitya <i>griha</i> can be assigned to 8 th to 12 th centuries A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

Context * Drawings (Attach extra sheet if necessary): No
Urban / Rural Setting : Hilly surrounding
Surroundings Stand in Isolation Complex
Integral part of a Landscape /
Street / Complex :

Quantification
Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 22.30 mtrs. x 10.35 mtrs.x 1.70 mtrs (existing height)
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
Number of Blocks : One
Number of Storys : ---

Spatial Organization
Orientation : Facing towards east
Plan : The chaitya *griha* is apsidal on plan
Allocation of Spaces :
29.60 mtrs.(L) x 24.60 mtrs(W)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Ornamentation
Exteriors : Plain
Interiors : Plain
Movable Collections : More the 50 votive stupa are kept around the chaitya *griha*
* Any Other (specify) : The chaitya *griha* housed with a stupa in side and provided with a *pradakhina path*.

10. Construction Technology

Structural System : Apsidal chaitya *griha*.

Building Techniques : Ashlar masonry and English bond technique.
Material of Construction : Bricks and Khandolite stone.

11. Condition Assessment

In General

Good / Fair : Fair

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

The existing chaitya *griha* is in a good state of preservation due to the proper care of the Archaeological Survey of India.

12. Threats to the Property

- Natural
- Negligence
- Vandalism
- Urban Pressures

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SECTION III: REFERENCES

13. Reference Sources (published and unpublished textual details)

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2. R.P. Mohapatra, 1986, Archaeology in Orissa, Vol.II, New Delhi.

14. Photographs: 14 nos

(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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