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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Rock-Cut Cave in Gumpha Mundia Hillock, Koranga, Dist.- Dhenkanal

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85° 35' 18" E **LATITUDE** 20° 31' 47" N **ELEVATION** 260 feet

Address : **Village (village code)** Gumpha Mundia Hillock, Koranga
Post : Sankarpur **Via:** Govindpur
Tehsil: Dhenkanal **District:** Dhenkanal
State : Orissa **PIN:** 759027

Approach : The rock-cut cave is located at the top of the hillock Gumpha mundia. It is situated on the west of the village Koranga and right side of Athgarh-Dhenkanal road. It is about 4 kms from the Sankarpur chowk.

3. Property Type

<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Religious structures</i>	<i>Other Structures</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Palace	<input type="checkbox"/> Temple	<input type="checkbox"/> Wall
<input 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"/> Govt. 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		

<i>Engineering structure</i>	<i>Open space and related structures</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Public square
<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

Note:

The cave was hewed out of a large boulder of khandolite stone, on the western slope of the hillock. On the basis of an inscription and the architectural feature, the cave can be dated to the 8th /9th century A.D.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : Abandoned

Present : Abandoned
Past : Dwelling place of the monks.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Bhaumakara rule
YEARS : 8th /9th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : ---
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE /MULTIPLE : ---

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : With out any claimant.
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : ---
Name : ---
Address : ---
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : N. A.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Originally by the Baumakaras but now it is abandoned.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architectural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:		On the basis of palaeographical style of the inscription the cave can be dated to the 8 th /9 th century A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

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

- **Quantification**
- Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 2.80 mtrs x 4.00 mtrs x 1.30 mtrs (L x D x H)
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
- Number of Blocks : Two
- Number of Storys : ---

- **Spatial Organization**
- Orientation : Oriented north-south the cave is facing towards west.
- Plan : The cave is rectangular on plan.
- Allocation of Spaces : 2.80 mtrs x 4.00 mtrs in length and depth respectively.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**

- Exteriors : plain
- Interiors : The cave has a half-finished antechamber at the rear wall. It has an inclining pillow like stone bed at the back end of the cave. A pillar is placed at the centre of the opening of the cave. A small niche is found on the left wall.

- Movable Collections : Nil
- * **Any Other** (specify) : An inscription of two lines is found on the northern wall.

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : Rock cut cave
- Building Techniques** : Hewed out of natural boulder
- Material of Construction** : Khandolite

11. Condition Assessment

- In General** **Good / Fair** : Fair

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

