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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Rock Art Shelter of Bhalughara, Sitabhinji Group of Rock shelter, Dist. - Keonjhar

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85° 47' 14" E **LATITUDE** 21° 30'44" N **ELEVATION** 1380 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Bhalughara Hillock, Sitabinji Resrve Forest

Post : **Via:** Ghatagaon

Tehsil: Ghatgaon **District :**Keonjhar

State : Orissa **PIN:** 758027

Approach : The rock shelter of Bhalughara is located in Sitabhinji reserve forest. It is about 2 kms north-west of the newly constructed Sitabinji Railway Station and one km towards the north-west of village Tandibeda.

3. Property Type

<p><i>Buildings</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Palace <input type="checkbox"/> Fort <input type="checkbox"/> Citadel <input type="checkbox"/> Govt. building <input type="checkbox"/> Railway station <input type="checkbox"/> Defence building <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial building <input type="checkbox"/> Other public buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Residential building <p><i>Engineering structure</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other engineering structure	<p><i>Religious structures</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Temple <input type="checkbox"/> Mosque <input type="checkbox"/> Minar <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Monastery <input type="checkbox"/> Stupa <input type="checkbox"/> Tomb, Mausoleum <p><i>Open space and related structures</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Public square <input type="checkbox"/> Park or garden <input type="checkbox"/> Graveyard <input type="checkbox"/> Baolis, Well <input type="checkbox"/> Tank	<p><i>Other Structures</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway <input type="checkbox"/> Pillar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others (specify) <p style="text-align: center;">Rock art shelter</p> <p>Note: The rock shelter preserves paintings of prehistoric times.</p>
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Cave

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : Abandoned

Present : Abandoned
Past : Dwelling place of prehistoric men

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Mesolithic period
YEARS :
Precise date of Construction :
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE: No claimant

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Located in the reserve forest without any claimant.

Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : ---
Name : ---
Address : ---
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**
In History : ---
In Rituals : ---
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---
• **WITH PERSONS**
Patron : ---
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	✓ Archaeological
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	: On the basis of style of execution and collected



prehistoric tools in the shelter, the paintings can be assigned to the Mesolithic Period.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context** : * **Drawings** (Attach extra sheet if necessary) : No
- Urban / Rural Setting** : Reserved forest
- Surroundings** : **Stand in Isolation**
- Integral part of a Landscape / Street / Complex :** Integral part of a landscape
- **Quantification**
- Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 7.00 mtrs (L) x 1.50 mtrs (D) x 2.60 mtrs (H) - Rock Shelter
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
- Number of Blocks : One
- Number of Storys : N.A.
- **Spatial Organization**
- Orientation : Oriented east-west, the shelter is facing towards south.
- Plan : N.A.
- Allocation of Spaces : 7.00 mtrs (L) x 1.50 mtrs (D)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
- Exteriors : N.A.
- Interiors : The back wall of the shelter is depicted with the paintings of diamond motifs, linear and some indistinct mark.
- Movable Collections : Microliths of flakes, cores and blades.
- * **Any Other** (specify) : ----

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : Rock shelter
- Building Techniques** : ----
- Material of Construction** : Granite

11. Condition Assessment

In General Good / Fair : Fair

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

The pictures are directly under the effect of rain and sunlight which creates threat for the paintings.

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)

1.

14. Photographs : 05 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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