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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Dhyana Gumpha (Cave no – 6,ASI), Khandagiri Hillock.Bhubaneswar,Dist.-Khurda
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : Dhyana Ghara / Shell cave

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85^o47'08" E **LATITUDE** 20^o15'74" N **ELEVATION** 245 ft.

Address : **Village (village code)** Khandagiri Hillock
Post : Khandagiri **Via**: Bhubaneswar
Tehsil: Bhubaneswar **District:** Khurda
State : Orissa **PIN:** 751030

Approach : It is situated on the foothill of the Khandagiri Hillock, on the left side of the road (MDR-78), branching from the National Highway No. 5 at Khandagiri Square and 6 km from Bhubaneswar.

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"/> Defense 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cave

Note:

Rock-cut cave, originally a cell with verandah having two pillars. The floor has been quarried out later on.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN Abandoned
USE :

Present : Abandoned but presently the tourist attraction point.
Past : Inhabited by Jaina monks.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Mahameghavahana Chedi dynasty
YEARS : 1st century B.C.
Precise date of Construction : 1st century B.C.
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : Floor of the cave is non-existent due to quarrying.
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE Single

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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 : Bhubaneswar Circle, 153, VIP Area, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Pin - 751015
Phone : 0674-2558170

7. Association

WITH EVENTS

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

WITH PERSONS

Patron : Originally Mahameghavahana Chedi king Kharavela, now Archaeological Survey of India
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architectural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological

- Historical
- Religious
- Any other (specify)

- ✓ Historical
- ✓ Religious
- : Epigraphic record in Hatigumpha assigned it to the Kharavela who was ruling in 1st century BC.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

Context : * **Drawings** (Attach extra sheet if necessary): No

Urban / Rural Setting : Urban setting

Surroundings : **Stand in isolation** Complex

Integral part of a landscape / Street / Complex :

Quantification

Area Dimension (L x D x H) : 5.80 mtrs. X 2.25 mtrs. x 2.25 mtrs
(m / cm/ feet / inch)

Number of Blocks : one

Number of Storys : ---

Spatial Organization

Orientation : Facing towards east

Plan : Rectangular on plan with a verandah

Allocation of Spaces : 5.80 mtrs (L)x 4.90 mtrs(B)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Ornamentation

Exteriors : Plain

Interiors : Plain

Movable Collections : ---

* **Any Other** (specify) : The roof of the cell is of thatched style.

10. Construction Technology

Structural System : Rock cut cave originally with pillared Varanda

Building Techniques : Hewed out of natural rock cave

Material of Construction : Sandstone

11. Condition Assessment

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

- Sign of Deterioration : Erosion due to weathering
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

The floor of the cave does not exist, due to quarrying out during the later period. Rain water seepage from the roof also endangers the cave existence which is threatened by erosion also.

12. Threats to the Property

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Natural |
| <input 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. Debala Mitra, 1960, *Udayagiri & Khandagiri*, New Delhi.
2. R. P. Mohapatra, 1985, *Archaeology in Orissa*, Vol. - I, New Delhi.

14. Photographs: 02 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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