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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Gupta Ganga, Khandagiri
Hillock, Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khurda

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°47'08" E **LATITUDE** 20°15'74" N **ELEVATION** 235 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 western 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 kms 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		
Engineering structure	Open space and related structures	Note:
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Public square	Natural cave with frontal part modified as a shelter.
<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	

Cave

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN Abandoned
USE :

Present : Abandoned but presently became a point of tourist attraction.
Past : In habited 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 : Repaired and conserved by Archaeological Survey of India.
Destruction / Demolition : ---

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

8. Statement of Significance

Architectural

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- Archaeological
- Historical
- Religious
- Any other (specify)

- ✓ Archaeological
- ✓ 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) : 4.50 mtrs. X 7.00 mtrs. x 2.60 mtrs
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
- Number of Blocks : One
- Number of Storys : ---
- Spatial Organization**
- Orientation : Facing towards east
- Plan : Conical on plan, as it is modified from a natural rock tunnel.
- Allocation of Spaces : 4.50 mt x 7.00 mt.in length and width respectively.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Ornamentation

- Exteriors : Plain
- Interiors : Plain
- Movable Collections : ---
- * **Any Other** (specify) : The cave is modified from a natural rock tunnel, for which the plan is looked like a cone.

10. Construction Technology

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

11. Condition Assessment

- In General** : Good / Fair
Fair

- Sign of Deterioration :
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

