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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Itamundia, A ruined Buddhist Monastery, Khiching,
Dist. - Mayurbhanj
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85° 58' 02" E **LATITUDE** 21° 55' 32" N **ELEVATION** 1190 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Khiching
Post : Khiching **Via:** Karanjia
Tehsil: Karanjia **District:** Mayurbhanj
State : Orissa **PIN:** 757039

Approach : The monastery, 300 mtrs south of Kichakesvari temple in Khiching of Mayurbhanj district is located 13 kms north of the National Highway No. - 6, from Singida chowk. It is in between two hill streams of Khairabandhana and Kantakhaira.

3. Property Type

Buildings	
<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

Religious structures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mosque
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monastery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stupa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tomb, Mausoleum

Other Structures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wall
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pillar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others (specify)

Engineering structure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tunnel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other engineering structure

Open space and related structures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public square
<input type="checkbox"/>	Park or garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graveyard
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baolis, Well
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tank
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cave

Note:

It is Buddhist monastery but now the ruins of a brick mound. The brick mound with an isolated stone door frames on the top at the centre located on the outskirts of Khiching. The cells are clearly visible from the surface.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : Abandoned

Present : Abandoned and in dilapidated condition.
Past : Used as residence cum worship place of Buddhist monks.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Bhaumakara rule.
YEARS : 7th – 8th centuries 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) : No 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 : Now nobody is looking after the monument.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	✓	Architectural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	✓	Archaeological
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	✓	Religious
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:	The mound contains the remains of a Buddhist monastery and on the basis of brick size and architectural plan it can be dated to the 7 th - 8 th centuries A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

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

- **Quantification**
- Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 11.00 mtrs x 14.00 mtrs x 1.30 mtrs
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
- Number of Blocks : Two, the right cell measures 3.70 sq mtrs and the left cell 3.70 sq.mtrs with a common verandah measuring 11.50 mtrs x 3.20 mtrs in length and width respectively.
- Number of Storys : .

- **Spatial Organization**
- Orientation : Facing towards north. (Oriented north to south).
- Plan : The monastery consists of a square sanctum flanked by square cells and fronted by a rectangular common verandah.
- Allocation of Spaces : 69.00 mtrs x 44.00 mtrs in length and breadth respectively.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
- Exteriors : Plain
- Interiors : Plain
- Movable Collections : ---
- * **Any Other** (specify) : The stone doorframe is located at the centre of the monastic complex represented an image of Buddha in *bhumisparsamudra* at the door lintel.

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : Monastery
- Building Techniques** : English bond technique with mud mortar.
- Material of Construction** : Bricks for the monastery and chlorite for the door jambs.

11. Condition Assessment

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

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration

