EIAD 112. Stone chattra from Phanigiri

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〈1〉 k(ā)namūḷayāna [ca. 20+]ta _Utaravaḍhamāne _

Translation

Of Kānamūḷaya, (...), in the northern estate.

Commentary

〈1〉 [ca. 20+][1]

〈1〉 k(ā)namūḷayāna[2]

[1]Since about half of the chattra is missing, we expect a lacuna of around 20 akṣaras between the *na* and the *ta*.

[2]Considering the size of the *chattra*, the stūpa which it crowned must have been typologically very similar to funerary stūpas enshrining the remains of local monks at other sites. In inscriptions on such stūpas or *chattra*s, as shown by Schopen 1991, the deceased monk is commonly referred to in the genitive plural as a mark of respect for the deceased.

Bibliography

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