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Summary

This inscription is identical in contents with the previous record and proves that the cave temple now called 'Dharmarāja-maṇḍapa' was originally a shrine dedicated to Śiva. It was called **'Atyantakāma-Pallavēśvara-gṛiham',** after one of the surnames of Paramēśvaravarman. As from the style[1] of its architecture, this *maṇḍapa* may be assigned to Mahēndravarman I's time, it is probable, as also suggested by Mr. A.H.Longhurst (*Memoir of the Archl. Sur.* No. 33, page 10), that the present inscription was incised later by Paramēśvaravarman I who probably completed it.

[1]Two other rock-cut temples at Mahābalipuram viz, Kōṭikal-maṇḍapa and the five-celled Śiva temple close to it, are also of the same style.

Commentary

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