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Summary

The subjoined inscription, engraved in **Pallava-Grantha** characters, states that this rock-cut Śiva temple called **Śrī-Śikhari-Pallavēśvaram** was caused to be made at Siṅhapura by king **Chandrāditya.** This is the only record hitherto found for the king (See Plate V). This rock-cut temple contains no sculptures or ornamentation of any kind and it may be said to correspond to 'the Mahēndra Style' of architecture. The palaeography of the present record also suggests that the king who bore this title or name probably flourished in the time of Mahēndravarman or Narasiṁhavarman I at the latest. As, however, this title does not occur among the numerous *birudas* found for these in any rock-cut shrine, we have to conclude that Chandrāditya was a Pallava prince of this time, about whom we have at present no information.

Siṅhapura is identical with Śiṅgavaram which is the name of a village close by. The present name of Mēlaichchēri must have been given later to this hamlet with reference to the principal village Śiṅgavaram.

Edition

〈1〉 kāritamidannṛpatinā〈2〉 candrādityena sarvva(nāthe)na [|]〈3〉 śrīśikharipallaveś-varamiti〈4〉 śaivandhā(ma) siṅhapure [||]

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