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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Bakresvara Mahadev Temple, Bankeswar, Dist - Balasore
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86°56'00"E **LATITUDE** 21°24'38" N **ELEVATION** 35 feet

Address : **Village (village code)** Bankeswar
Post : Bankeswar **Via**: Rasalpur
Tehsil: Chandipur **District**: Balasore
State : Orissa **PIN**: 756021

Approach : It is 03 kms. north of Maninageswar temple of Bardhanpur and 4 kms west of the Bay of Bengal.

3. Property Type

- Buildings**
- Palace
 - Fort
 - Citadel
 - Government building
 - Railway station
 - Defence building
 - Industrial building
 - Other public buildings
 - Residential building

- Engineering structure**
- Bridge
 - Tunnel
 - Other engineering structure

- Religious structures**
- Temple
 - Mosque
 - Minar
 - Church
 - Monastery
 - Stupa
 - Tomb, Mausoleum

- Open space and related structures**
- Public square
 - Park or garden
 - Graveyard
 - Baolis, Well
 - Tank
 - Cave

- Other Structures**
- Wall
 - Gateway
 - Pillar
 - Others (specify):

Note:

This newly renovated temple houses the images of the 10th -11th centuries A.D.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : Living temple. The enshrining deity is a laterite sivalinga within a square chlorite *Yonipitha*.
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Late Somvansi rule
YEARS : 11th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : 11th century A.D.
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Multiple

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Endowment Department, Government of Orissa
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : The temple is under the care and maintenance of Bakresvara Mahadeva Temple Committee.
Name : Madan Barik (President)
Address : At/Po - Bankeswar, Via-Rasalpur, Pin -756021, Dist. - Balasore
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : Sitalasasthi, Sivaratri, Sankranti etc. are observed.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : *Nirbandha*, and thread ceremony etc. are performed.

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Endowment Commission, Government of Orissa
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : Bakresvara Mahadev Temple Committee

8. Statement of Significance

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical	:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religious	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:	The temple is a renovated one but the image kept in the temple can be assigned to the 10 th – 11 th centuries A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context**
Urban / Rural Setting : * **Drawings** (Attach extra sheet if necessary) : No
Surroundings : Rural Setting

- Stand in Isolation** : Complex
Integral part of a Landscape / Street / Complex :

- **Quantification**
Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 8.15 mtrs x 4.40 mtrs x 10.00 mtrs
(m / cm/ feet / inch)

- Number of Blocks : ---
Number of Storys : ---

- **Spatial Organization**
Orientation : Facing towards West.
Plan : *Vimana* is square where as *jagamohana* is rectangular on plan.
Allocation of Spaces : 17.70 mtrs x 9.20 mtrs in length and breadth respectively.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
Exteriors : Plain
Interiors : Inside the *jagamohana* there are images of Ganesa, Surya, Narasingha and Mahisamardini.

- Movable Collections : There is an unidentified image attached to the boundary wall.

- * **Any Other** (specify) : Both the *vimana* and *jagamohana* are newly constructed with a dome like structure.

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : It is a renovated temple with a dome like superstructure on the *vimana*.

- Building Techniques** : Ashlar masonry.

- Material of Construction** : Laterite for both foundation and superstructures.

11. Condition Assessment

In General **Good / Fair** : Good

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

It is a newly constructed temple, so the structure is in a good state of preservation.

