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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Uttaresvar Mahadeva Temple, Ayodhya,
Dist. - Balasore

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86^o46'33"E

LATITUDE 21^o32'30" N

ELEVATION 70 feet

Address : **Village (village code)** Ayodhya
Post : Bhanuriabad **Via:** Mitrapur
Tehsil: Nilagiri **District:** Balasore
State : Orissa **PIN:** 756020

Approach : The village Ayodhya is situated 15 kms from Nilagiri and 9 kms north of Sajanagarh. The temple is located on the northern part of the village and near the Boys U.P. School.

3. Property Type

Buildings

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

Religious structures

- Temple
- Mosque
- Minar
- Church
- Monastery
- Stupa
- Tomb, Mausoleum

Other Structures

- Wall
- Gateway
- Pillar
- Others (specify):

Engineering structure

- Bridge
- Tunnel
- Other engineering structure

Open space and related structures

- Public square
- Park or garden
- Graveyard
- Baolis, Well
- Tank
- Cave

Note:

The present temple was built in the middle of the 19th century AD over the foundation of an ancient temple. But the enclosure wall, however, appears more ancient than the temple itself exist. It has a pidha *vimana* of impoverished *Kalingan* order. The sculptures housed within the sanctum iconographically can be dated to the 9th -10th centuries A.D.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : It is a living temple, enshrining a *patalphuta* Sivalinga within a circular *yonipitha*.
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : British period
YEARS : 19th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : Early part of the 19th century A.D.
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Single

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : ---
Private : Mishra family of Ayodhya
Any other (Please specify) : ---
Name : Chandra Sekhara Mishra & Bhagabata Mishra
Address : At- Ayodhya, Via- Mitrapur, Tehesil- Nilagiri, Dist – Balasore
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**
In History : ---
In Rituals : *Sivaratri, Kartikapurnima* etc.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---
• **WITH PERSONS**
Patron : Mishra family of Ayodhya
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:		The temple is a <i>pidha</i> order, devoid of sculptural embellishment and dated to the early part of the 19 th century AD; but the sculptures kept in side the <i>vimana</i> , can be dated to the 9 th – 10 th centuries A.D.

