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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Kushesvara Siva Temple, Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khurda

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°50'18" E

LATITUDE 20°15'22" N

ELEVATION 84 ft

Address

Village (village code) Mausima chowk
Post : Old Town **Via**: Bhubaneswar
Tehsil: Bhubaneswar **District**: Khurda
State : Orissa **PIN**: 751002

Approach

: The twin temples of Kusesvara and Labesvara are situated on both sides of the road, almost opposite to each other in close proximity to the Ramesvara temple on the right and Satrugnesvara group of temples on the left side of the road leading from Kalpana to Bindusagar tank. The temple is surrounded by Mausima Road in the west and Satrughanesvara group of temples on the west.

3. Property Type

Buildings

- Palace
- Fort
- Citadel
- Govt. 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:

It has a *single pidha vimana* of *Kalingan* Order. The enshrining deity is a Sivalinga within a circular *Yonipitha*.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In Use

Present : It is a living temple, the enshrining deity is a Sivalinga within a circular *Yonipitha*
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Suryavamsi Gajapati rule
YEARS : 14th-15thcenturies A.D.
Precise date of Construction : Last decade of 14th century AD. or first quarter of the 15th 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)
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : The temple is looked after by the chief priest Nakula Mahapatra
Name :
Address : Godi Pokhari Sahi, Old town, Bhubaneswar, Dist-Khurda, Orissa.
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : *Kartikapurnima* is observed here.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Originally, the Suryavamsi Gajapati but now the chief priest Nakula Mahapatra is looked after the temple.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	✓ Architectural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	✓ Religious
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	: On the basis of the architectural features, the temple can be dated to the 14 th -15 th centuries A.D.

