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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Suresvara Mahadeva Temple, Bhubaneswar,
Dist.-Khurda
Past :
Other Name (if any): : Byamokesvara Temple

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°50'07" E **LATITUDE** 20°14'30" N **ELEVATION** 88ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Talabazar, Old Town
Post: Old Town **Via:** Bhubaneswar
Tehsil: Bhubaneswar **District:** Khurda
State : Orissa **PIN:** 751002

Approach : The temple, in the Talabazara market complex, Old town of Bhubaneswar is situated in front of the Lingaraja temple across the road and in the left side of the eastern gateway at a distance of 10 mtrs.

3. Property Type

Buildings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palace
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort
<input type="checkbox"/>	Citadel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Govt. building
<input type="checkbox"/>	Railway station
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defence building
<input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial building
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other public buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential building

Religious structures	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mosque
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monastery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stupa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tomb, Mausoleum

Other Structures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wall
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pillar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others (specify)

Engineering structure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tunnel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other engineering structure

Open space and related structures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public square
<input type="checkbox"/>	Park or garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graveyard
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baolis, Well
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tank
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cave

Note:
The temple has a *rekha vimana* of impoverished *Kalingan* order.

4. Property Use

Present : **ABANDONED / IN USE** : In use
It is a living temple and the presiding deity is a Sivalinga within a circular *yonipitha*. The sanctum is 1.50 mtrs below the road level.

Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Somavamsi rule
YEARS : 10th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : Second quarter of the 10th 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 shopkeepers of that locality.

Name : ---
Address : ---
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : Rituals like *Sivaratri*, *Sankaranti*, *Jalabhiseka* and *Rudrabhiseka* are observed here.
In Building Construction : Local people ascribe the temple to the Kesharis (Somavamsis).
Any other (specify) : Various sacraments like marriage and thread ceremony are performed here.

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Originally the Somavamsis but now the temple is looked after by the shopkeepers of that locality.
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 architectural features, position of 'river goddess' and building materials, the temple can be dated to the 10 th century A.D.

