



INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Janpath, New Delhi -110 001, www.ignca.gov.in

Documentation format for Archaeological / Heritage Sites / Monuments

Serial No.: OR/DKL- 17

SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Balukesvara Temple (South-East corner Siva Temple of Astasambhu Complex), Kualo, Dist. - Dhenkanal
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85° 17' 54" E **LATITUDE** 20° 56' 57" N **ELEVATION** 240 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Kualo (Ward.No-2)

Post : Kualo **Via**: Parajangh
Tehsil: Parajangh **District**: Dhenkanal
State : Orissa **PIN**: 759120

Approach : Located on the left bank of the river Bramhani, it is situated on the right side of N.H-23 leading from Banarpala chowk (N.H-42) to Pallahada (N.H-06) and about 2 kms east of Janata chowk.

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

Notes:

Rekha temple of early *Kalingan* order but in dilapidated condition.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : It is a living temple, enshrining a Sivalinga made of chlorite within a square sandstone *yonipitha*.

Past : Worshipped.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Sulkis of Kodalaka Mandala (the feudatory of Bhaumakaras)

YEARS : 9th century A.D.

Precise date of Construction Completion : First quarter of the 9th century A.D.

Subsequent changes : ---

Subsequent changes : Repaired and renovated by Archaeological Survey of India.

Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Multiple

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India

Private : ---

Any other (Please specify) : Astasambhu Mandira Parichalana Committee, Kodalakagada.

Name : ---

Address : Bhubaneswar Circle, 153, VIP Area, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Pin - 751015

Phone : 0674-2558170

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---

In Rituals : *Sivaratri, Kartikapurnima*, etc are observed.

In Building Construction : ---

Any other (specify) : Engagement, marriage & thread ceremony etc. are held here.

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Originally the Sulkis, but presently under the care of Archaeological Survey of India.

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 architectural and sculptural ground, the temple can be assigned to the first half of the 9 th century A.D.

