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SECTION I: IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Somanatha Temple, Gangadhara Prasad,
Dist.- Dhenkanal

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85° 31' 53" E **LATITUDE** 20° 31' 53" N **ELEVATION** 158 feet

Address : **Village (village code)** Gangadhara Prasada
Post : Kamadhenukot **Via:** Bhapur
Tehsil: Dhenkanal **District:** Dhenkanal
State : Orissa **PIN:** 759015

Approach : The temple is located on the right side of the road leading from Athgarh to Hindol and situated on the left bank of the river Sapua. It is about 14 kms away from Athgarh.

3. Property Type

<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Religious structures</i>	<i>Other Structures</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Palace	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temple	<input type="checkbox"/> Wall
<input type="checkbox"/> Fort	<input type="checkbox"/> Mosque	<input type="checkbox"/> Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> Citadel	<input type="checkbox"/> Minar	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillar
<input type="checkbox"/> Govt. building	<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Railway station	<input type="checkbox"/> Monastery	
<input type="checkbox"/> Defence building	<input type="checkbox"/> Stupa	
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial building	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomb, Mausoleum	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other public buildings		
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential building		

<i>Engineering structure</i>	<i>Open space and related structures</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Public square
<input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Park or garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Other engineering structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Graveyard
	<input type="checkbox"/> Baolis, Well
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tank
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cave

Note:

The temple is in dilapidated condition and only the base along with the western wall remain.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : Living temple, the presiding deity is a *Patalaphuta* Sivalinga within a circular *yonipitha*.
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Bhaumakara rule
YEARS : 8th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : ---
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : Except the base and the western wall the temple has completely collapsed

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Multiple

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Protected monument of Orissa State Archaeology and under Endowment Department, Government of Orissa.
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : ---
Name : ---
Address : Orissa State Archaeology, Paryatan Bhawan, B.J.B. Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
Phone : 0674-2432147

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : *Sivaratri, Kartika Purnima*, etc are observed here.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Orissa State Archaeology.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : Endowment Department, Government of Orissa.

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architectural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Any other (specify) : On architectural plan and the surviving decorative features, the temple can be assigned to the 8th century AD i.e. the Bhaumakara rule in Orissa.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context** : *Drawings (Attach extra sheet if necessary) : No
- Urban / Rural Setting** : Rural setting
- Surroundings** : **Stand in Isolation**
- Integral part of a Landscape** : Complex
- / Street / Complex :**

- **Quantification**
- Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 2.25 mtrs x 2.25 mtrs x 1.75 mtrs (existing height)
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
- Number of Blocks : One
- Number of Storys : N.A.

- **Spatial Organization**
- Orientation : Facing towards east.
- Plan : The *vimana* is square on plan
- Allocation of Spaces : 35.00 mtrs (L) x 20.00 mtrs (W)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

• **Ornamentation**

- Exteriors : The surviving portion of the temple is decorated with miniature *chaitya* motifs
- Interiors : Plain
- Movable Collections : Architectural fragments
- * **Any Other** (specify) : The base remains of the temple shows that it was *triratha* on plan

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : The surviving remains shows that it was a *rekha vimana* of early *Kalingan* order.
- Building Techniques** : Ashlary dry masonry
- Material of Construction** : Khandolite stone

11. Condition Assessment

In General **Good / Fair** : ---

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

Growth of vegetation is found around the temple complex and water stagnates in the sanctum

