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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Gokarnesvara Siva Temple, Sisupalgarh, Dist.-Khurda
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°50'95"E **LATITUDE** 20°14'07"N **ELEVATION** 46 ft.

Address : **Village (village code)** Sisupalgarh
Post : Santarapur **Via**: Bhubaneswar
Tehsil: Bhubaneswar **District**: Khurda
State : Orissa **PIN**: 751002

Approach : The temple is located on the northern side of the ancient fort of Sisupalgarh at a distance of 200 mtrs. and about 600 mtrs south of Brahmesvara temple of Bhubaneswar.

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:

It has a *pidha vimana* and *jagamohana* of impoverished *Kalingan* order.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : Living temple, the presiding deity is a *Sivalinga* within a square *yonipitha* and it is placed 1.00 mtrs below the present ground level.

Past : Worshipped.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Somavamsi rule
YEARS : 10th – 11th centuries A.D.
Precise date of Construction Completion : 10th – 11th centuries A.D.
: ---
Subsequent changes : At present the temple is entirely renovated with cement work.
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Single

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

Private : ---

Any other (Please specify) : Now Bansidhara Badajena repaired & maintained this temple.

Name : ---

Address : Sisupalgarh, Bhubaneswar

Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---

In Rituals : *Akhayaturtiya, Bada usha, Shivaratri, Dasahara, Rudrabhiseka, Chandrabhiseka* are performed here.

In Building Construction : ---

Any other (specify) : Marriages, thread ceremony etc. are practiced here.

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Bansidhara Badajena

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)	:	As evident from the ancient temple fragments lying in the temple precinct & architectural members used in the temple, the temple can be assigned to the 10 th – 11 th centuries A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context**
Urban / Rural Setting
Surroundings : * **Drawings** (Attach extra sheet if necessary): No
Urban setting

- **Quantification**
Area Dimension (L x B x H) : Platform – 10.20 mtrs x 6.45 mtrs x 0.80 mtrs.
Temple – 9.80 mtrs x 5 mtrs x 7.20 mtrs
(m / cm/ feet / inch)

- **Spatial Organization**
Orientation : Facing towards West
Plan : The *Vimana* and *Jagamohana* are square on plan having a *ganthiala* which stands on a low height rectangular platform.
Allocation of Spaces : compound wall 43.00 mtrs (L) x 36.50 mtrs (w) (2 mtrs height with 0.20 mtrs. thick)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
Exteriors : The temple is plastered & has white wash over it.
Interiors : Plain
Movable Collections : Temple fragments, like-broken portions of pillars, *Udyota Simha* and a pair of atlantid *ganas* etc. of an early date are found near the temple.

- * **Any Other** (specify) : ---

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : *Pidha Vimana* and *Jagamohana* of impoverished *Kalingan* order.
- Building Techniques** : Ashlar masonry
- Material of Construction** : Sand stone is used for the temple and laterite is used for the compound wall & foundation.

11. Condition Assessment

In General **Good / Fair** : Good

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

