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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Tarakesvara Siva Temple (Temple No. - 87), Lingaraja Temple Complex, Bhubaneswar, Dist. - Khurda
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°50'05" E **LATITUDE** 20°14'26" N **ELEVATION** 70 ft.

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

Approach : The temple, on the north of the Grand Lingaraja within the complex is situated in Old Town, 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.

The temple has a *rekha vimana* of *Kalingan* order.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

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

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Ganga rule
YEARS : 13th/14th century AD
Precise date of Construction Completion : Late 13th or early part of the 14th century AD.
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Subsequent changes : Renovated and conserved by Archaeological Survey of India.
Destruction / Demolition : Now the *kalasa* of the *mastaka* is missing.

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 : Lingaraja Temple Trust Board maintains the rituals of the temple.
Any other (Please specify) : Endowment Department, Government of Orissa manages the property of the temple.
Name : ---
Address : Archaeological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar Circle, 153 - VIP Area, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
Phone : 0674- 2558170

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : *Sivaratri, Ekadasi, Kartika Purnima*, etc held here.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : Thread ceremony, engagements, etc held here.

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Archeological Survey of India and Endowment Department, Government of Orissa.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : Lingaraja Temple Trust Board

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 ground, the temple can be assigned to the late 13th century AD or early part of the 14th century A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context**
Urban / Rural Setting : * **Drawings (Attach extra sheet if necessary)** : No
Surroundings : Urban setting
Stand in Isolation : Complex
Integral part of a Landscape
/ Street / Complex :
- **Quantification**
Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 3.60 mtrs x 3.30 mtrs x 8.50 mtrs (approximate height)
(m / cm/ feet / inch)
Number of Blocks : One
Number of Story's : N.A.
- **Spatial Organization**
Orientation : Facing towards east.
Plan : A square *vimana* that stands over a platform of 0.90 mtrs in height.
Allocation of Spaces : 158.49 mtrs x 141.73 mtrs in length and breadth respectively.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
Exteriors : Devoid of any decorations except a *khakharamundi* flanked by *pidhamundis* on the frontal *raha* and *udyotasimhas* on each *raha*.
Interiors : Plain
Movable Collections : Nil
* **Any Other** (specify) : The temple is *panchangabada* in elevation and *pancharatha* on plan.

10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : *Rekha vimana* of *Kalingan* order.
- Building Techniques** : Ashlar dry masonry
- Material of Construction** : Sandstone is used for the construction of the temple.

11. Condition Assessment

In General **Good / Fair** : Fair

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

