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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Visnu Temple in Malayagiri Area (Temple No. - 10),
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 south-eastern corner of Grand
Lingaraja temple complex on a higher place locally
known as Malayagiri area is situated in Old Town,
Bhubaneswar.

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

Note.

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

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : Non- living temple and the presiding deity is missing now.
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Ganga rule
YEARS : 15th century AD.
Precise date of Construction Completion : First half of the 15th century AD.
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Subsequent changes : The temple was renovated and conserved 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 : Lingaraja Temple Trust Board
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 : ---
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **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

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:

Though the presiding deity of the temple is missing, but its Vaisnavite character as evident from its two surviving *parsvadevata* images, the temple may be assigned to the later Ganga rule i.e. about the first of the 15th century A.D.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

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| • Context | | * Drawings (Attach extra sheet if necessary) : No |
| Urban / Rural Setting | : | Urban setting |
| Surroundings | | Stand in Isolation Complex |
| | | Integral part of a Landscape |
| | | / Street / Complex : |
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| • Quantification | | |
| Area Dimension (L x B x H) | : | 7.25 mtrs x 7.25 mtrs x 8.50 mtrs (approximate height)
(m / cm/ feet / inch) |
| Number of Blocks | : | One |
| Number of Storys | : | N.A. |
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| • Spatial Organization | | |
| Orientation | : | Facing towards east. |
| Plan | : | The <i>vimana</i> is square on plan that stands over a high platform of 1.75 mtrs in height. |
| Allocation of Spaces | : | 158.49 mtrs x 141.73 mtrs in length and breadth respectively. |

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

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| • Ornamentation | | |
| Exteriors | : | Devoid of any decoration except the images of four-armed Varaha and Narasimha on the southern and western <i>parsvadevata</i> niches respectively. |
| Interiors | : | Plain |
| Movable Collections | : | Nil |
| * Any Other (specify) | : | The temple is <i>pancharatha</i> on plan and <i>panchangabada</i> in elevation. |

10. Construction Technology

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| Structural System | : | <i>Pidha vimana</i> of <i>Kalingan</i> order. |
| Building Techniques | : | Ashlar dry masonry |
| Material of Construction | : | Sandstone is used for the construction of the temple. |

11. Condition Assessment

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| In General | | Good / Fair | : | Good |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sign of Deterioration | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Serious Deterioration | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Danger of Disappearance | | |

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

The temple is in a good state of preservation due to renovation work.

