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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Visvakarma Temple (Temple No. - 54), 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 west of the Grand Lingaraja within the complex 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 *rekha vimana* of *Kalingan* order.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

- Present** : Living temple, the presiding deity is a Sivalinga upon a *yonipitha*, placed much below the ground level, is locally worshipped as Visvakarma.
- Past** : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

- PERIOD** : Ganga rule
- YEARS** : 12th century AD
- Precise date of Construction Completion** : First half of the 12th Century AD
- Subsequent changes** : ---
- Subsequent changes** : The upper missing portions have been made water – tight as a result of conservation measures.
- Destruction / Demolition** : Now the upper portion of the *gandi* along with 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, Sankranti, Kartika Purnima*, etc held here.
- 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"/> | Historical | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other (specify) | : | |

On the basis of architectural ground and iconographical feature of the *parsvadevata* images, the temple may be assigned to the first half of the 12th century AD i.e. the Ganga rule in Orissa.

SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **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 :
- **Quantification**
- Area Dimension (L x B x H) : 7.05 mtrs x 5.35 mtrs x 9.00 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 : 158.49 mtrs x 141.73 mtrs in length and breadth respectively.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**
- Exteriors : Decorated with a cluster of three miniature temples, one *khakharamundi* in the center and two *pidhamundis* on the sides surmounted by a projecting lion on the frontal *raha*.
- Interiors : Plain
- Movable Collections : Nil
- * **Any Other** (specify) : The temple is *pancharatha* on plan and *panchangabada* in elevation.

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
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Serious Deterioration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Danger of Disappearance |

