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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Khajuresvar Siva Temple, Shergarh, Dist. – Balasore
 Past : ---
 Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86°49'41" E LATITUDE 21°26'11" N ELEVATION 39 feet

Address : **Village (village code)** Khajura Sahi, Shergarh
Post : Shergarh **Via**: Khantapada
Tehsil: Remuna **District**: Balasore
State : Orissa **PIN**: 756060

Approach : It is located in Khajura sahi, Shergarh, at a distance of 2.5 kms west of Phandi chowk in Balasore on the National Highway No.5, leading from Balasore to Bhubaneswar.

3. Property Type

- Buildings**
- Palace
 - Fort
 - Citadel
 - Government building
 - Railway station
 - Defence building
 - Industrial building
 - Other public buildings
 - Residential building

- Engineering structure**
- Bridge
 - Tunnel
 - Other engineering structure

- Religious structures**
- Temple
 - Mosque
 - Minar
 - Church
 - Monastery
 - Stupa
 - Tomb, Mausoleum

- Open space and related structures**
- Public square
 - Park or garden
 - Graveyard
 - Baolis, Well
 - Tank
 - Cave

- Other Structures**
- Wall
 - Gateway
 - Pillar
 - Others (specify):

Note:

The temple is located over a low height mound in the middle of the village. Both the *vimana* and *jagamohana* are *pidha* temples of impoverished *Kalingan* order. But it houses a good number of Brahmanical deities of Somavamsi period & datable to the 10th – 11th centuries A.D.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

- Present** : It is a living temple, enshrining three Sivalingas without *yonipitha* & a circular *yonipitha* without *lingam* (*Patalaphuta*)
- Past** : Worshipped.

5. Age (Source)

- PERIOD** : The shrine was constructed in the 18th – 19th centuries AD. But the images housed in the temple can be dated to the 10th – 11th centuries A.D.
- YEARS** : ---
- Precise date of Construction Completion** : ---
- Subsequent changes** : The present temple was renovated during early 19th century A.D. by Gangadhara Senapati, the then local Zamindar of the area.
- 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 Orissa State Archaeology
- Private** : Presently under the care of the Senapati family.
- Any other (Please specify)** : ---
- Name** : Seshadhara Senapati
- 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, Harihara Mahayajna* (from Akshayatrutia to 3 days)
- In Building Construction** : ---
- Any other (specify)** : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

- Patron** : Seshadhara Senapati
- Architect / Engineer** : ---
- Any other (specify)** : Orissa State Archaeology

8. Statement of Significance

- Architectural : Architectural
- Archaeological : Archaeological

