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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Visesvara Temple, Majhikia, Dist. - Balasore
 Past : ---
 Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86°55'39" E LATITUDE 21°24'14" N ELEVATION 16 feet

Address : **Village (village code)** Majhikia
Post : Bankesvara **Via**: Rasalpur
Tehsil:Sadar Balasore **District**: Balasore
State : Orissa **PIN**: 756021

Approach : The temple, on the right bank of the rivulet Paganala is located 15 kms south-east of Balasore town and 2 kms north of Maninagesvara temple, Bardhanpur.

3. Property Type

Buildings

- Palace
- Fort
- Citadel
- Government 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:

It has a *pidha vimana* and a frontal *mandapa* of recent built, but the cella of the *vimana* houses a number of ancient images which are iconographically assigned to the 9th-10th centuries A.D.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : It is a living temple and the presiding deity is a Sivalinga within a circular *yonipitha*, made of chlorite which is 0.60 mtrs below the entrance level.

Past : Worshipped.

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : British Period

YEARS : 20th century A.D.

Precise date of Construction Completion : ---

Subsequent changes : The temple is a modern one but houses the images of Somavamsi period.

Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE /MULTIPLE : Multiple

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

Private : ---

Any other (Please specify) : Visesvara Temple Committee under the presidentship of Buddharam Barik

Name : ---

Address : At. - Majhikia, PO. - Bankesvara, Via - Rasalpur, Dist.-Balasore, Orissa, PIN- 756021

Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---

In Rituals : *Sivaratri, Kartika Purnima, Rakhi Purnima* etc are observed here.

In Building Construction : ---

Any other (specify) : Thread ceremony, engagements are observed here.

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Visesvara Temple Committee

Architect / Engineer : ---

Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological	:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:	The temple is a modern one, but the sculptures kept in the sanctum are assigned to the Somavamsi period i.e. about the 10 th century A.D.

