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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Bharatesvara Siva Temple, Old Town, Bhubaneswar,
Dist.-Khurda
Past : ---
Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85°50'09"E **LATITUDE** 20°15'12"N **ELEVATION** 80 ft

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

Approach : Located on the left side of the road leading from Kalpana chowk to Lingaraj temple and just opposite to the Ramesvara temple.

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 early *Kalingan* order. It is one of the earliest existing temple of Orissa.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : It is a living temple; the presiding deity is a Sivalinga within a circular *yonipitha*.
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : Sailodbhava rule
YEARS : 6th Century A.D.
Precise date of Construction Completion : Later half of the 6th century A.D.
Subsequent changes : Presently the State Archaeology is renovating this temple.
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Single

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Protected Monument of Orissa State Archaeology
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) Name : ---
Address : Orissa State Archaeology, Paryatana Bhawan, B.J.B. Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
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7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : *Sivaratri* is performed here
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Now Orissa State Archaeology
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural	✓	Architectural
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	:	On the basis of architectural scheme and an inscription in the lintel of Laxmanesvara temple, which is adjacent to it, the temple can be assigned to 6 th century AD.

