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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

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

2. Location

LONGITUDE 85⁰50'14" E **LATITUDE** 20⁰14'44" N **ELEVATION** 55 ft

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

Approach : The temple is located in the eastern embankment of Bindusagar, on the left side of Talabazar road leading from Lingaraja temple. The temple is surrounded by Talabazar road in the east and Bindu sagar tank on the west.

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:

It is one of the rarest monuments of Orissa dedicated to lord Brahma. It is a *pidha* temple of impoverished *Kalingan* order.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

- Present** : It is a living temple and the enshrined deity is Brahma, standing on a lotus pedestal. He is four armed and holds a lotus and a Veda in the upper left and right hand respectively. The lower left and right hand are resting over two female figures. At the base of lotus pedestal there is a swan flanked by two female worshippers. The image is crowned with *kiritamukuta*.
- Past** : Worshipped.

5. Age (Source)

- PERIOD** : Gajapati rule
YEARS : 15th – 16th centuries A.D.
Precise date of Construction : Last decade of the 15th or first decade of the 16th century A.D.
- Completion** : ---
Subsequent changes : The present temple was built with the building materials of an earlier one.
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Multiple

- Public** : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : --
- Private** : Gunanidhi Panda is the owner and priest of the temple.
- Any other (Please specify)** : The temple is looked after by Lingaraja Trust Board.
- Name** : ---
Address : Talabazar road, Old Town, Bhubaneswar.
Phone : ---

7. Association

- **WITH EVENTS**
In History : ---
In Rituals : ---
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : Associated with lord Lingaraja as his charioteer during the *Ratha Yatra* (car festival) that is held on the day of *Asokastami* every year.
- **WITH PERSONS**
Patron : Now the temple is patronised by Lingaraja Trust Board
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

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