

Proceedings of Special Gram Sabha Meeting held on 02/10/2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Panchayat premises(ground floor) of V.P. Navelim under the chairmanship of Shri. Frank Fernandes, Sarpanch, V.P. Navelim. The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 101 members are present. Also the meeting is attended by the B.L.O.'s of the respective part. Earlier this meeting is adjourned by half an hour after waiting for 15 minutes and the same started at 10.45 am.

At the outset the Sarpanch welcome the members present and extended warm greetings on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. He further called upon the members to live up to the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and the thread the path of non-violence. The Sarpanch further called upon the members for their co-operation to conduct this meeting in a peaceful atmosphere.

1. Garlanding of the Portrait of Father of our Nation Mahatma Gandhi.

The Sarpanch garlanded the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi followed by offering of floral tributes by the other Panchayat members, gram sabha members and those present.

The Sarpanch sought the permission of the members present and the following matters were considered.

1-1) Summary Revision of Electrol Roll

Harold Pinto	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Secunder

Being Special Campaign date whereby 33 Navelim Assembly Constituency Part No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 are kept open for public for the inclusion of names in Form 6, objection to inclusion of names in Form 7 , for objection to Particulars in entries in electoral Roll in Form 8., and the public is requested to consult the B.L.O. of the concerned part no., who are present for this meeting, which is Unanimously accepted.

1-2) Poverty free Panchayat

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Borges Rebelo	Secunder

The Sarpanch informed the members that this Panchayat is in receipt of a memorandum from the Block Development Officer, Salcete, wherein the Panchayats are required to seek suggestion of the gram sabha in regards to effective Planning and monitoring of rural poverty Programme. The Members present unanimously resolved to make Navelim Village a Poverty free gram Panchayat.

1-3) Open Defecation free Village

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Borges Rebelo	Secunder

The Sarpanch informed the members that this Panchayat is in receipt of a memorandum from the Block Development Officer, Salcete, wherein Open Defecation needs to be discussed and its status assessed. After discussion it is unanimously resolved to make Navelim village Defecation free village at the earliest. Participating in the deliberation the members informed that the People staying on rental are the cause of this nuisance as proper toilet facilities are not provided. The members contended that this village has 10% of the population who defecate in the open. Shri. Eleuterio Carnieo, Shri. Borges Rebello, Shri. Santan Rodrigues, Shri. Joao Mergulhao participated in the deliberation

2. To discuss the issue of erecting mobile towers and providing mobile services at 2 sites in this Panchayat area for Brics.

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The Sarpanch informed the members that the Government has not accepted the decision of the Panchayat that it will not allow to erect mobile towers for BRICS in the jurisdiction of Panchayat. The recent letter dated 1/10/2016 of the Director of Panchayats addressed to M/s. Indus Towers Ltd, and copy endorsed to this Office is read out to the members. Shri. Harold Pinto rejected the contention of the Government to erect mobile towers in the name of BRICS. He informed that the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Goa., has sought to use the weapon against the Panchayat for not permitting the towers which means suppressing of the powers of the gram sabha which have been provided under 72nd amendment of the constitution, and sought an immediate apology. Shri. Harold Pinto questioned the motive of promoting Indus Towers Ltd., a Pvt. Company, by the Government instead of BSNL which is a subsidiary of the Government. He informed that it is back door entry for Reliance Jio. Shri. Eleuterio Caniero reiterated that Navelim Village is not connected to the BRICS in any form and the present available network is sufficient enough for its residents. He further informed that the Village Development Committee should decide on the need of more towers in Navelim Village after proper deliberation and also finalise its location. Shri. Inacio, Shri. Borges, Shri. Melwin Pereira participated. Shri. Inacio questioned the company representative as to how many companies have applied seeking rights of said towers, when the said company official rose to clarify that Ms. Indus towers is only erecting towers and the other

mobile company's can use the said infrastructure for generating better signal. It is also clarified by the said representative that Indus tower is not a subsidiary of Reliance Jio. The Members also tried to seek a written statement for authentic proof and consideration. After discussion the members objected to erecting of any mobile tower in the Navelim Village at the moment and suggested for a scientific study as to the impact of the towers on human health.

As there being no other matter, this meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all those present by Smt. Belinda Dias, Dy. Sarpanch at 12.30 p.m.

Recorded by:

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(Mario J. J. Viegas)
Secretary, V.P. Navelim.

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(Frank Fernandes)
Sarpanch, V.P. Navelim.