

Proceedings of Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 31/07/2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Panchayat hall, Second Floor, Buticas Navelim, under the chairmanship of Sarpanch Shri. Frank Fernandes.

The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 63 members are present. Earlier this meeting is adjourned by half an hour after waiting for 15 minutes and the same started at 11.45 am.

At the outset the Sarpanch welcome the members present and extended his warm greetings and called upon them to cooperate with the chair, to conduct this meeting in a cordial atmosphere.

1) To read and confirm the proceedings of previous meeting:-

Harold Pinto	Proposer
Agnelo Ferandes	Secunder

- 1-1) Proceedings of the previous Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 24/04/2016 are read and unanimously confirmed. However in respect of Resolution No. 4 the year 2016-17 is to be corrected as 2015-16.
- 1-2) The action taken report of the said meeting is unanimously confirmed. However the members suggested the following:-
 - (1) Issue of press note for collection of Ration Cards by the respective individuals since the same are still with the Panchayat.
 - (2) Necessary provision should be made for helping the poor and backward.
 - (3) Reminder to be sent in regards to supervision of sewerage works.
 - (4) Enforcement of Resolution taken in regards to scrapping of Western Bypass and the Government should seek implementation of the plan proposed by Jaycees of Cuncolim.

2) To approve the proposed work of extension of existing nullah at Soccobhat, Moddi under MGNREGA

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Unanimously resolved Extension for the works of repair and maintenance of existing nullah at Socobhat, Moddi being undertaken under MGNREGA over a further length of about 500 meters. The members participating in the deliberation desired to know the rate of wages paid to the labourers which is informed as Rs. 229/-. The members further sought and resolved to request the Government to increase said wages to at least Rs. 400/- per day as the prevailing rate in the market is Rs. 600/-. It is also confirmed that the labourers who has worked on this project are from neighbouring Dramapur-Sirlim village. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro also suggested to use rubble stones with bonding of mud instead of cement, as the said Nullah has rich bio-diversity.

3) To approve applications received for availing of Government schemes

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Cruz Rodrigues	Secunder

- 3-1) Unanimously resolved to consider the application of Manuel Fernandes to include his family in BPL list.
- 3-2) Unanimously resolved to consider the application of Rosalin Rodrigues for grant of National Family Benefit Scheme under BPL.

4) To discuss about grant of approval for installation of Boosters / Transponders in V.P. Jurisdiction for boost of mobile signal

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Seconder

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro sought explanation in respect to use of word Booster which the Sarpanch informed that the panchayat has decided to use the word Booster / Transponder since the panchayat felt that the same improves the signal in the locality and could be less harmful than the Tower. The sarpanch also informed that he is open for discussion on the issue and suggestions will be accepted. Further the proposals received from Vodafone and Reliance Jio which are at present rejected by the panchayat are placed before the Gram Sabha and discussed at length. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to reject any type of infrastructure created for purpose of improving signal / network, since such infrastructure involves radiation and is harmful to the people and further resolved that the panchayat should initiate action and stop the same, if the said entities / companies have commenced their activity at Mandopa, Navelim. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro participating informed that the present existing towers could be shared by the new companies under an agreement, as per the direction of Supreme Court and new towers or infrastructure in any form in a densely populated residential area should be avoided. He further informed that there is no instrument to measure the radiation which the BSNL department has failed to provide in respect to his RTI application and there is no monitoring process in place at the site. He however added that the radiation report be obtained and placed before the Gram Sabha after which the matter could be again decided upon. Shri Harold Pinto Participating informed that the magnitude of effect of radiation caused by such towers can be explained by referring to Juhi Chawla (film actress) who has a first hand experience of the actual ill effects of the towers. Shri. Cruz Rodrigues informed that a tower is come at Aquem Baixo and we should object to the same as the said tower will not only be harmful for residents of Aquem-Baixo but also to the villagers of Navelim. Shri. Borges Rebello sought immediate issue of show cause notice in the matter if the activity has commenced at Mandopa.

5) To consider the proposals / suggestions received from the Gram Sabha Members, if any.

The following proposals received from the respective Gram Sabha Members are placed before the meeting and deliberated upon as under:-

5(1) Proposal of Lucio Barretto.

Shri. Lucio Barretto informed the Gram Sabha that the levy of rental tax is against the interest of the Villagers. He informed that he as a owner of rental premises has incurred a huge expenditure in the form of loans for creating the infrastructure legally for the purpose and he does not understand the reason for payment of one month rent to the Panchayat. He further informed that he does not agree to the said proposal and reiterated that he shall not pay the rental tax enforced by the Panchayat. The relevant provision of the Goa Panchayat Raj (Imposition of Taxes, Fees and other Dues) Rules 1998 is read out to the information of the Gram Sabha which states as under:-

“All premises used for business / commercial purpose under rent back scheme for any period or premises rented for any period – an amount equivalent to One Month rent for each flat or each premises or each dwelling unit. (Rental Tax payable) (Rule 7 – Schedule of rates)”.

Shri. Melwyn Pereira participating questioned the benefit that the owner will derive from payment of said rent. Smt. Sandra Fernandes informed that she is already paying rental tax as the same was assessed by the earlier Panchayat and she won't be able to pay additional minimum rental tax of Rs. 1,000/- or Rs. 3,000/- as the case may be. Smt. Felina Colaco endorsed the view of Lucio Barretto and said that she will not pay the rental tax as that is the only source of income for her family. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro explaining the reasons for levy of Rental Tax informed the Panchayat has rightfully made a decision to levy the said tax. Most of the tenants are a nuisance and a burden to the society at large. He cited the example of garbage dumping, voltage fluctuation, low water pressure, improper sanitation facility; among few which can be attributed to ill and harmful effects on the actual residents. Shri. Harold Pinto participating informed that rent control act deals with eviction of tenants and lease agreement is crucial for initiating any legal proceeding. The receipt of payment of rent to the Panchayat shall be additional evidence to the owner of the premises for initiating such proceedings.

The Sarpanch informed the members that sufficient discussion has taken place now and also in the past, and further informed that if desired , issue could be discussed once again in the next Gram Sabha Meeting.

5(2) Proposal of Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro.

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro informed that he would take up the 1st, 4th, 5th, and 7th proposal as other proposals are already discussed.

5(2-1) Issue of Construction License.

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro with reference to his 1st proposal informed that Regional Plan 2001 is in force and Regional Plan 2021 is kept on hold. And hence requested the Panchayat to not to issue construction licenses if Technical Clearances is issued based only on Regional Plan 2021. The Sarpanch informed that the approvals are obtained by the respective applicant and submitted to the Panchayat for grant of Construction License. Shri. Melwyn Pereira informed that he Panchayat cannot hold a license if all approvals and documents are in order and even thereafter if it is rejected, the applicant can move to the Additional Director of Panchayats and seek direction for issue of said license. However Shri. Eleuterio reiterated that Panchayat should reject such files and not be a part of a larger conspiracy of the government played on the people of Navelim.

5(2-2) Stray Cattles and Cattle Pounds.

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro with reference to his 4th proposal, proposed to send a request letter to land owners to part with a parcel of land for development of cattle pound. The same is seconded by Harold Pinto and adopted unanimously. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro earlier participating informed that the Panchayat does not have a cattle pound and the stray cattle are causing nuisance to the farmers. He also informed that the Panchayat could approach Veterinary Department in the absence of proper trained manpower to catch stray cattle's destroying paddy fields. The Sarpanch earlier participating in the discussion informed that the Panchayat has made efforts to identify such land and the present Gram Sabha may suggest a suitable land which could be acquired for cattle pound.

5(2-3) Garbage Management.

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro with reference to his 5th proposal informed that the Panchayat is collecting plastic garbage from house to house but still lot of garbage is being dumped on the road side affecting the Bio-Diversity existing there-in and this is a serious issue which should be dealt with stringent measures. The garbage committee does exist but has no powers to keep a check on such dumping or composting undertaken by the owners of houses / buildings. The Panchayat should act firmly against all defaulters to the extent of withdrawing electricity and water connection to their respective premises if garbage is not segregated at source and disposed / composted. He also sought empowerment of the garbage committee by the Panchayat to keep a check on such irregularities.

5(2-4) Overall Development of the Village.

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro with reference to his 7th proposal informed that development is a word that relates to agriculture, sanitation and health etc. and it should not be referred to only concrete development. He further cited the example of resolution taken in the previous Gram Sabha of this Panchayat, making a provision for purchase of hand tractor which will improve agriculture, repairs / construction of School toilets will improve sanitation in the village. He further suggested that the Panchayat should also make provision for compensating the ambulance service cost for kidney dialysis patients and alike. The Panchayat should also make sufficient provision for all round development of the village.

6) Any other subject, with the prior permission of the Chairman.

6(1) Covering of Panchayat Terrace with Galvalam sheet roofing.

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Seconder

The gram sabha members brought to the notice of the Sarpanch, the leaking roof of the Panchayat and sought immediate action or covering of the roof with additional external roofing. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to request the Project Director, DRDA, South to provide galvalam roofing to the existing Panchayat ghar to protect the existing terrace from monsoon leakages.

6(2) Handing over of old Panchayat building to the Church.

Benedicto Themudo	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Seconder

Shri. Benedicto Themudo sought the handing over of the old panchayat building at Manilheiros which is in a church property to the church as the first floor is not being utilised by the panchayat. He also informed that the church is ready to re-imburse the cost of construction, if the panchayat decides. Shri. Harold Pinto informed that the undertaking should be obtained, stating that the property where the building is, should not be handed over to the builders as rumours have already made rounds in the village in this respect.

6(3) Fees for public meeting – Panchayat Hall..

Melwyn Pereira	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Seconder

Shri. Melwyn Pereira suggested for payment of reasonable rent of Rs. 1,500/- for conduct of Social related meetings/functions by the villagers, as Rs. 6,000/- is too high for a ordinary person to pay in conduct of such meetings / functions. Seconded by Harold Pinto, the same is unanimously adopted.

6(4) Construction of drainage - Buticas.

Norman D'silva	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Seconder

Unanimoulsy resolved that panchayat should construct a drain from the Health Center side, Buticas along the PWD road and beyond connecting the main drain.

6(5) Health Insurance Scheme.

Harold Pinto	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Secunder

Unanimously resolved to seek clarification from the Government in regards to list of Hospitals and Sicknesses covered in respect of recent Health Insurance scheme introduced by the Govt. of Goa for its residents. It is further resolved to seek clarification in regards to the period of validity of the scheme as the earlier health scheme introduced by the Govt. which covered a expenditure of hospitalisation to the extent of Rs. 60,000/- has lapsed within a period of one year.

As there being no other matter, this meeting ended at 02:00 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