

**Proceedings of Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 28/01/2018** at 10.00 am in the Panchayat premises, Ground Floor, Buticas Navelim, This meeting is presided over by the Sarpanch Smt. Vilma D'Silva.

The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 92 members are present. 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 welcomed the members present and extended her warm greetings and called upon them to cooperate with the chair, to conduct this meeting in a cordial atmosphere and requested to limit the discussion to developmental matters for Navelim Village. She thanked the members in anticipation for their Co-operation.

The Sarpanch informed the Gram Sabha members that this Panchayat has received an award of Rs. 50,000/- at the Hands of Hon'ble Smt. Mridula Sinha, Governor of Goa on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 for this Panchayat's splendid contribution towards Swach Bharat Abhiyaan and congratulated the Panchayat Members, Secretary, Staff and Gram Sabha Members for their assistance and insisted to remain persistent and sought co-operation in exploring ways to become more efficient towards Swach Bharat Abhiyaan for a cleaner and Garbage Free Navelim.

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

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
A.F.G Mascarenhas	Secunder

Proceedings of the previous Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 12/11/2017, 19/12/2017 and 26/01/2018 are read and unanimously confirmed.

Also the action taken report of the said meeting is placed before the members. During review the following interrogations were raised:-

- (1-1) Shri. Harold Pinto sought inclusion of Ward Nagmodem in Res. No. 5(8) of Gram Sabha Meeting dated 12/11/2017. He also asserted that inquiry be made into the funds previously allocated for the said work.
- (1-2) Shri. Harold Pinto inquired that for the last Gram Sabha Meeting he has suggested that the Authorities of PWD (Roads), Electricity Dept. and Water Dept. be invited for the Gram Sabha meeting which is not noted in the proceedings and therefore requested the Sarpanch to take a note of the same.
- (1-3) The Gram Sabha Members supposed that the Education Department's reply read out under the Action Taken report of last Gram Sabha meeting is incomplete and requested that Education Department be replied to provide in writing that henceforth Aadhar Card shall not be made mandatory for answering examinations and that the same be intimated to all the institutions throughout Goa.

- (1-4) The Reply of the Chief Minister on Nationalization was read out. The Gram Sabha Members unanimously rejected the same and requested to reply to the same stating that the Gram Sabha is a platform to express views and suggestions which should be respected and thus the objections should be considered invariably.
- (1-5) The minutes of the Gram Sabha should be summarized to avoid time consumption.  
Shri. Harold Pinto, Shri. Inacio Vas, Shri. Cruz Rodrigues, Shri. Melwin Pereira participated in the discussion.

**2) To discuss about: issue of Schedule Caste / Scheduled Tribe Certificate to migrants from other States / Union Territories.**

Harold Pinto	Proposer
Melwyn Pereira	Seconder

The Gram Sabha Members unanimously resolved to send an objection to the issue of Schedule Caste / Scheduled Tribe Certificate to migrants from other States / Union Territories presuming that the benefits from the Goa Government which are intended for residents of Goan Origin shall be diverted to Migrants.

**3) To discuss about sanction of additional staff to V.P. Navelim**

Celly Quadros	Proposer
Eleuerio Carneiro	Seconder

The Sarpanch explained the members about the workload of the Panchayat which is increased manifold and informed that a proposal for sanction of additional staff was forwarded to Director of Panchayats, Panaji for which a reply is received stating that the same is subject to approval of the Gram Sabha. The Gram Sabha Members acknowledged the increase in work of the Panchayat and unanimously approved the sanction of additional staff with a condition that the due procedure be followed with advertisement and church announcement. The members further decided that an individual who is a permanent resident of Navelim be offered the post.

**4) To discuss about Sec 6 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994**

Melwin Pereira	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Seconder

The Sarpanch read out the Memorandum received on the Sec 6 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 explaining that there is not provision for “Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman” for the Gram Sabha

Meeting to which there was a ruckus among the members. Shri. Melwin Pereira opined that this Memorandum is resource for Higher Authorities to curtail the members of freedom to speech, he expressed that any meeting which is fixed has to have any other matter apart from the agenda as it helps to bring up any recent activity to be discussed which may be essential for the members which may have occurred after the last date of receipt of proposal. Shri. Harold Pinto participating stated that this Panchayat functions well and have been always voicing out issues related not only to Navelim but also at the state level and therefore he alleged that the same is to avoid disapprovals of Gram Sabha Members from Navelim Village and other Gram Sabha Members sharing similar point of opinions. The members unanimously objected to the same and requested the Sarpanch to have "Any other matter" on the Agenda for the future Gram Sabha Meetings.

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

**5(1) Proposal from Cruz Rodrigues**

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Melwin Pereira	Seconder

With reference to the proposals received from the Gram Sabha member Shri. Cruz Rodrigues, the following are taken up point wise.

**1. Bus Bay:**

Shri. Cruz Rodrigues informed the members that Bus Bay at Navelim junction needs improvement. He proposed that the said bus stop be painted and steel railing be installed. He further requested the Panchayat not to allow any un-authorized signboards or advertisements at the Bus Bay, however permissions may be allowed for displaying advertisement boards with a time bound date for removal of the same at the time of granting permission so as to generate revenue for the Panchayat. Shri. Antonio Alvares suggested imposing of fines to the defaulters erecting / installing banners without the permission of the Panchayat.

**2. Tarring of Village Roads:**

Shri. Cruz Rodrigues informed the members that roads in Navelim village requires tarring / black topping as the same are in damaged condition either by sewerage department or digging by Reliance Jio. He further insisted that Dongorim road needs immediate repair as the same is in a worse condition. Shri. Melwin Pereira, participating informed the members that, due to bad condition of the roads there is dust problem which is a health hazard. Shri. Harold Pinto requested to

write to the PWD to level the roads which are become un-even after sewerage work. Shri. Cruz Rodrigues further sought to know the reason for stopping the work of extension / widening of highway till Buca Amonkar House. He requested the Sarpanch to verify whether the area from the house of Buca Amonkar and others have encroached on the highway, also the area of Bar Silva touching the highway road is to be verified. He further averred that if the same is confirmed to be encroached than the occupants should be served notices to clear the same so as to continue the work of highway extension / widening thereby completing it uniformly.

3. To undertake work of Tolleabandh:

Shri. Cruz Rodrigues informed the members that Tollebandh at Nagmodem has been polluted with Plastic waste and proposed to install CCTV cameras at the location to track the defaulters so as to book them for offense under Garbage Act.

4. Villagers renting out premises:

Shri. Cruz Rodrigues proposed the Panchayat to charge a nominal fee to the Villagers who have let out their Premises on Rent so as to generate income to the Panchayat as the tenants are also a liability in the Village as much as the Villager is. Also the infrastructure in Navelim jurisdiction is also used by the migrants who are paying rent to their owners, which hampers the income of the Panchayat.

***5(2) Proposal from Simon F. Fernandes***

Simon F. Fernandes	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Seconder

With reference to the proposals received from the Gram Sabha member Shri. Simon F. Fernandes, the following are taken up point wise.

1. Request letter dated 23/11/2017 for certified copies:

The Sarpanch informed the Gram Sabha Members that the office on receipt of an application from Shri. Simon F. Fernandes has already informed about the status of the same to him. She explained that the delay has happened due to shifting of records from the Old Panchayat to New Panchayat premises; she assured that copies requested shall be provided as the search is in process. The Sarpanch advised that the said proposal may be addressed to the office since the nature of the same is personal and not related to development.

**2. Migrants in Navelim Village:**

Shri. Simon F. Fernandes informed the Gram Sabha members that the migrants are seen in the prime locations of Navelim Village inspite of shirking them. He pointed out to the migrant vendors who are doing business on the footpaths of Navelim. Shri. Inacio Vas suggested that the Panchayat should confiscate their items as they should not be allowed to trade on the footpaths. Shri. Harold Pinto informed the Gram Sabha Members that as per the order from Supreme Court all footpaths should be maintained clear irrespectively. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro informed the Gram Sabha Members that Parish Priest, Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim had requested the Panchayat to clear the migrants doing trade from the footpath, upon receipt of the same himself as Convener to Village Development Committee, Navelim along with Panchayat members had initiated action to evade the migrants from the footpath for which they were condemned by the local residents out of pity to these migrants. He further proposed to form a committee to keep a check on this activity time to time.

**3. Garbage in Navelim Village.**

Shri. Simon F. Fernandes informed the Gram Sabha members that he has told about fine which is imposed on the defaulters who are found littering the Garbage in V.P. Jurisdiction. He sought to know if the said fine is an income to the Panchayat. The Sarpanch informed that the garbage cleaning is outsourced to an agency "Famer's Corner" as the Panchayat cannot engage itself in this matter full-fledged atleast at the moment. She further informed the Gram Sabha members that only 5% of the fees are received by the Panchayat in the form of commission and that Goa Waste Management Corporation has handed over a Challan book for the purpose and have fixed a fine of Rs. 5,000/- to the defaulters. She informed that this Panchayat is selected among 10 selected Panchayats in Goa to receive additional grants from the Government for dealing Garbage menace and for this purpose a survey is being carried out by the Panchayat Members to prepare data about the premises which are fully owned and ones which are let on rent.

**6) Any other subject, with the prior permission of the Chairman.****6 (1) Token of appreciation to Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro**

Celly Quadros	Proposer
Melwin Pereira	Seconder

Smt. Celly Quadros thanked the Gram Sabha Members for being elected as the Chairperson of Navelim Bio Diversity Management Committee. She displayed the letter head of Navelim Bio Diversity Management Committee to the Gram Sabha Members and described the logo depicted on the letter head. She informed that the logo is designed by Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro who is a member of Navelim Bio Diversity Management Committee. She informed that said logo is appreciated and overwhelmed by Goa State Bio Diversity Board for which credit goes to Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro. The Gram Sabha Members applauded to this. Smt. Celly Quadros requested the Sarpanch to present token of appreciation to Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro. He thanked the members and expressed his gratitude. And reiterated that Navelim Bio-Diversity Management Committee is an independent functionary which is not governed by the Panchayat and therefore the decisions passed by it are strictly to be adhered to by the Panchayat.

**6 (2) To protect the Zarambo and to identify the Tributary of River Sal as Wetland.**

Celly Quadros	Proposer
Melwin Pereira	Seconder

Smt. Celly Quadros informed the Gram Sabha Members about the Zarambo and Tributary of River Sal that there is only one Zarambo in Navelim Jurisdiction which is required to be protected since it is endangered to be cut due to Western Bypass and that the Tributary of River Sal should be notified as wetland. She informed that she has confirmed that being a wetland Tributary of River Sal is not shown anywhere on the Regional Plan 2021 of Navelim Village which is very shocking and sought rectification of the Regional Plan 2021. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to request the Land and Revenue department to demarcate the Tributary of River Sal and make necessary rectification on the Regional Plan for Navelim Village. Shri. Harold Pinto participating requested the Gram Sabha Members to proceed to the site of Zarambo after this Gram Sabha meeting to click a photograph together which can serve as evidence.

**6 (3) To rectify Regional Plan 2021 to show Wetlands.**

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Anthony Alvares	Seconder

The members unanimously resolved to write to the Wetland Authority to mark Ponds, Springs, Water Bodies, Lakes, Rivulets and specially Salpem Tollem in Sinquetim & Nagmodem as Wetland which are not shown in the Regional Plan 2021 as the same exists and can be verified by authorized personnel by paying a visit for the purpose.

**6 (4) Preparation of Peoples Bio-Diversity Register.**

Celly Quadros	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Seconder

Smt. Celly Quadros informed the Gram Sabha Members that the Peoples Bio-Diversity Register is required to be prepared and that two days per ward shall be allocated for identifying the Bio-Diversity Resources and sought co-operation for preparing the same.

As there being no other matter, this meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all those present by Smt. Lina Rebello, V.P. Member, at 1.00 p.m.

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