

**Proceedings of Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 10/04/2022** at 10.00 am in the premises of Panchayat Hall, Buticas Navelim, This meeting is presided over by the Sarpanch Smt. Behinda Gonsalves.

The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 86 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 co-operate 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. Smt. Succorin D'costa, V.P. Clerk, V.P. Dramapur-Sirlim nominated Officer of the Block Development Office, Salcete Block, Margao was present.

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

Inacio Vas	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Secunder

Proceedings of the previous Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 05/09/2021, is read. Also the action taken report of the said meeting is placed before the members. During review the following interrogations were raised:-

(1-1) Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro queried the Sarpanch if any NOC is issued to the concerned for displaying banners at Navelim Junction near the Old Panchayat Ghar to which the Chair informed that no such NOC is given to anyone. Shri. Inacio Vas participating requested the Sarpanch to remove the banner if NOC is not granted and fine the concerned person or else auction the material and forfeit the amount.

(1-2) Shri. Inacio Vas inquired about the illegal constructions at Moddi to which the chair replied that the matter is being followed up by the Panchayat. Shri. Bento Silva participating questioned the Chair as to why Panchayat has not acted till date on the illegal constructions to which Sarpanch replied that the Panchayat had no specific names and information to send notices, however, the occupants of the area have now applied for Temporary House Numbers after which the names and information is come on record and that appropriate action will be initiated accordingly by the Panchayat against them.

After the above discussion the minutes of previous Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 05/09/2021 are unanimously confirmed.

**2) To Approve Budget Estimates for 2022-23**

Inacio Vas	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

The Budget Estimates for 2022-23 are read out by the V.P. Secretary for information of the members. However, the Gram Sabha Members requested the Sarpanch to call out an Extra Ordinary Gram Sabha to discuss and approve the budget with one point Agenda as the Gram Sabha failed to understand the Budget and Budget heads which needs to be explained in detail to the Gram Sabha. After discussion the Gram Sabha Members unanimously fixed the date on 24th April 2022 at 10.00 am for the purpose.

**3) To discuss about implementing “Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), Catch the Rain (CTR)” 2022.**

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Joao Souza	Secunder

The Sarpanch brought to the notice of the Members that the Panchayat is in receipt of a proposal from the Block Development Officer, Salcete Block to place for the Gram Sabha Meeting to discuss about “Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), Catch the Rain (CTR)” 2022. She further informed that a National Water Mission Water Pledge is being provided to be taken at the Gram Sabha. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro suggested the Gram Sabha that the said proposal should not be allowed as the Navelim village is declared to be water shortage area and that the PWD should first conduct a survey in the matter as to how many households in Navelim consume well water and Tap Water and place the report for the information of the Panchayat and Gram Sabha only than the proposal to implement Jal Shakti Abhiyan can be undertaken for its execution. Shri. Joao Mergulhao participating proposed that the community walls should be tested if contaminated and verify if the water is potable for drinking purpose. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro proposed that testing should also be done of the private wells and verify if contaminated and verify if the water is potable for drinking purpose and if found contaminated than the source of contamination should be identified. After lengthy discussion the Gram Sabha unanimously denied to take the given pledge and unanimously resolved that the pledge will be taken only when Navelim Village is provided with clean drinking water. The issue of functional household Tap Connection Certificate is also unanimously rejected by the Gram Sabha Members.

**4) Discussion in respect to Navelim Bio Diversity Management.**

Celly Quadros	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Seconder

Navelim Bio Diversity Management Chairperson Smt. Celly Quadros placed before the Gram Sabha members the correspondence received by the Bio-Diversity Committee from various Govt. Departments. She read out one of the letter where-in the Bio-Diversity is informed about the permission granted to cut 28 trees at Moddi. She informed that in the said letter it is requested to the Bio-Diversity to undertake plantation of trees in the area to compensate to the cutting of trees. To this, the Gram Sabha members got agitated and unanimously rejected the request as the approval to cut the trees were given without consulting the Panchayat and Bio-Diversity Committee. Smt. Celly Quadros further read out the letter sent to The Secretary(JM), Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi on Objection to Biological Diversity Amendment bill 2021 for information of the Gram Sabha.

**5) To consider the proposals / suggestions received from the Gram Sabha Members, if any.****5(1) Proposal from Bento Silva.**

Bento Silva	Proposer
All Gram Sabha Members	Seconder

- To construct overbridge for safety of roads users in view of no. of accident occurring on daily basis at Belem bypass junction (NH-66).  
The Gram Sabha of Village Panchayat Navelim discussed that the Belem-Navelim junction of the Western bypass (NH-66) is become dangerous as many commuters are losing their life due to mishaps happening everyday at the site. The Gram Sabha members reiterated that the same is a serious issue and has to be worked upon for a permanent solution as Western Bypass junction i.e Nr. Furtado Fuel Centre petrol pump is not fully commissioned and once it happens that it would become difficult to manage traffic snarls as volume of traffic is expected to converge at the said Belem-Navelim junction of the western bypass. It is also discussed that the western bypass is referred to as an express way and if such hurdles of junctions remain than it cannot be called as express highway. It is proposed that an overbridge at the Belem-Navelim junction of the western bypass would be the only solution which is unanimously passed the said proposal. It is further unanimously resolved to forward the said resolution to National Highway Authority for consideration of construction of overbridge for safety of roads users in view of no. of accident occurring on daily basis at Belem-Navelim junction of the Western Bypass of National Highway 66.

2. The cross at the site need to be shifted after taking PWD/Owners permission.

It is discussed that there is a cross at the site of the western bypass which needs to be shifted for safety purpose. The Sarpanch informed that the same must be dealt sensitively as it would hurt religious sentiments. Hence, the matter of shifting the cross must be discussed with the owner, the Priest and the residents around and only than the work may be undertaken through concerned dept.

3. Footpath from junction to Navelim junction for safety of pedestrians and speed breakers at Navelim Junction for safety of hundreds of school/college students as well as for parish people.

It is discussed that the Footpath is required for safety of pedestrians due to overspeeding traffic also there is a need to erect speed breakers at Navelim Junction for safety of the students and villagers. The Sarpanch informed that the same has to be worked out with Govt. Authorities to plan out the possibilities with expert advice. She informed that she shall find out about the same.

4. To illuminate the Belem-Navelim junction of the Western Bypass of National Highway 66 and installation of speed limit sign boards.

It is discussed that the area is not illuminated and causing lot of inconvenience to the traffic and also not speed limit boards are displayed due to which the traffic is just overspeeding. The Sarpanch informed that the proposal will be taken up with the Electricity Dept. and the traffic cell for its execution.

The Chair invited the Gram Sabha members to put forth their suggestions if any relating to development in the village and the following suggestions are discussed:-

- a) Shri. Bento Silva showcased a Regional Plan to the Gram Sabha members and depicted in the said plan the constructions coming up in Navelim as per his knowledge which are irrespective of what is getting affected like hills and water bodies. Shri. Inacio Vas participating suggested that the Panchayat should held up the lincense looking at the sensitivity of the area. The Sarpanch informed that the once the applicant obtains approval from the TCP Dept. than the Panchayat is bound to issue the construction license, yet the Panchayat holds site inspection for verification and only than issue the construction license which is held up for compliance if there is any observation raised during such site inspection. Shri. Anand Khavtankar requested the Sarpanch that the Panchayat should issue demolition notice to un-authorized construction constructed in Navelim jurisdiction and that Panchayat being un-aware of un-authorized constructions in its jurisdiction is certainly not acceptable. The Sarpanch informed that the complaint matters dealt by the Panchayat, there are instances where-in demolition notices are issued by the Panchayat and concerned stay the same after which the Panchayat has to appoint advocate and pay through Panchayat funds. The Gram Sabha Members expressed their displeasure towards the same as the same funds could be utilized for other developmental works. Further it is unanimously resolved to take strict action against illegal structures construction in jurisdiction of Navelim Panchayat.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Date: 10/04/2022**

As there being no other matter to be discussed, this meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all those present by Smt. Lina Rebello, V.P. Member, at 01.40 p.m.

Recorded by:-

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(Joaquim Rodrigues)  
Secretary, V.P. Navelim.

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(Bebinda Gonsalves)  
Sarpanch, V.P. Navelim.