

# GILIMPSSES OF INDIA

## I. A BAKER FROM GOA

- Lucio Rodrigues

### Word meanings

Reminiscing - nostalgically - Thinking fondly of the past

Heralding - announcing

Rebuke - an expression of disapproval; a scolding.

Fragrance - Scent

Plump physique - pleasantly fat body

Open testimony - public statement about a character or quality.

### Comprehension Check

What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?

About the good old portuguese days, the portuguese and their famous bread loaves.

Is bread-making still popular in Goa?

How do you know?  
Yes, bread making is still popular in  
Goa. The author says that the mixers,  
molders, and those who bake the loaves  
are still present in Goa.

What is the baker called?  
The bakers are known as paders in  
Goa.

When would the baker come every  
day? Why did the children run to meet  
him?

The baker came twice everyday. Once  
during his morning sale round and then  
again when he returned after  
emptying his huge basket. The children  
ran to meet him not becoz of  
their love of the loaf, which was  
bought by the maid-servant of the  
house. They actually longed for the  
bread-bangles, which they chose  
carefully. Sometimes, it was a  
sweet bread.

5 → What did the bakers wear in the portuguese days?

Kobai.