

Man: My name is Shagor Ahmed Rony. My name is Shagor Ahmed Rony. My father's name is Mahbul Alam. My hometown is Chadpur, Thana (Police Station) Hajigong, Post Office *Pathanish*. Currently, I am working at Grameen Phone.¹ Currently I am working at Grameen Phone. My job is to drive cars. I am a bachelor. I studied until Grade eight. I studied until Grade eight. I have been working for five years. I have an eight-hour duty. Besides working regular hours, I have no other duties.

[Awkward Omission.]

Man: The behavior of my boss is very good. As a Bengali, my favorite food is rice and fish. Currently the caretaker government must take some immediate steps in reducing the prices of daily necessities; it needs to reduce the prices. And for the wellbeing of the general public and for their satisfaction, the government needs to take these steps. The salary/wage we earn are not sufficient to purchase food items. The prices of these items have gone up, but our salaries have not. My favorite outfit is pants and a shirt and my favorite color is black.

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