

**English translation:**

- What is this?

- [Unclear.]

- This is *paneer*?

- Doesn't it spoil in the heat?

- No.

- No? And what is your name?

- My name is Mohammad Shiraj-ul-Islam.

- Are you from Dhaka?

- Yes?

- Where is your hometown?

- My home is in Manikganj.

- Manikganj? Do you bring [your wares] from there?

- Yes?

- Do you bring them from there?

- I bring these from there.

- Do you make them yourself?

- Yes.

- How do you make them?

- First you have to extract curd-cheese. You curdle raw milk, and then [unclear].

- Does it take long?

- Yes, it takes a while.

**Man's voice** - For how long have you been at this work?

- Let's say, about seventeen years.

**Man's voice** - You have been running a shop here for seventeen years?

- Earlier, I used to sell over there.

**Voices** - How is business?

- So-so.

- How long has it been [unclear]?

- About fourteen or fifteen years. Earlier, I used to sell at the market.

- Fourteen or fifteen years?

**Woman's voice** - A long time?

- Now I don't have to sell at the market. Now (I am in retail).

**Man's voice** - All three brothers sell [cheese]. His two brothers also sell. They are all in the same line of work.

**Woman's voice** - Oh. [Unclear.] How much does one cost?

- 80 takas a kilogram.

- 80 takas?

- Some are a little more than a kilogram. They are about a kilogram each.

- What are these holes?

- This is where [unclear].

- [Unclear]. Right.

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