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A Street Stall

- [This man] runs a stall.
 - Is that *lungi*?¹
 - Yes, that is a *lungi*. Please open one up and show [her].
 - No, no, you don't have to open one up.
 - Open up one fold. This is a Bangladeshi *lungi*.
 - It is stiff. Don't you have to make it soft?
 - What do you mean, "make it soft?"
 - It is stiff.
 - It will grow soft when one wears it. Now it is new, as you can see.
 - Whose picture is that?
 - It is the company logo, the *lungi* company.
 - How much does one cost?
 - 180 [taka].²
- [Voice] – 180. For how long have you worked a stall?
- Two years.
 - Your hometown?
 - My hometown is Madaripur.
 - His hometown is Madaripur. He has been working a stall for two years. Okay? What family do you have at home?
 - There is everyone at home: mother, father, brother.
 - There is everyone...mother, father...at home?

¹ A kind of long loincloth.

² The taka is the basic unit of currency in Bangladesh.

[Woman's voice] – Right.

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