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JAL: [inaudible] the other one very strict [inaudible] especially in Bombay. So he was [inaudible]. This guy, you know. That's really going to be good thing, you know. So he finishes his work. Comes for a beer and they sit down for at least two to three hours, you know. Going from one thing to another.

And he says, after a certain time he comes on Baba's thing, you know, who is Baba, and we explain to him all these things and now he is really taking some interest in Baba. And he says, "You know you are very lucky today. That you have to come to my tea shop and I don't know why I am making this special arrangements for you and this and that. But tomorrow Baba is giving darshan in Bombay."

ERUCH: It was the next day after that.

JAL: And the next day. And it's Sunday. "You will be free, no problem?"

So," Yes, yes, I will be free absolutely."

JAL: "So definitely make it a point to come to Ashiana and have Baba's darshan."

So he takes everything. You know, address and everything.

[inaudible]. And then he says. The night I go there, you know.

And he says, "I, my house is full of guests. And next day being Sunday, I had to be with them. I just couldn't. I had to be with them, you know. I couldn't just shake them off, you know. And that is how I missed taking Baba's darshan."

PILGRIM 1: [inaudible].

JAL: This is how I missed having Baba's darshan.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: Because of the guests.

JAL: Because of the guests. So, then, you know. In the evening I left him at Boribunder Station and all that. When I left him, he says, "Will you do me a favour? Since you say you are going to Nagar."

He says, "Yes, why not?"

Now at that time, you know. My thoughts are, you know. So what he's going to ask me? Because after all he is Inspector of Revenue. Inspector, you know.

ERUCH: Revenue Officer, you know. They always ask for something. [pilgrims laugh].

JAL: Really, I mean. This is what my thoughts, you know. As to what he's going to ask me. He takes out a note. Five rupee note and a coin of twenty five paise. He says, "Will you please get some flowers of five rupees, twenty five paisa and put it

on a Baba's evening arti on Thursday?" I said, "Thank you Verma Saheb, I will definitely do it." So this is how. Then he said. Then, oh, I had [inaudible].

I told him that, Baba has really rightly said that, "It's not you who come to me. But it's I, when I want you to come to me. I only bring you." And now he is so much interested that he wants Baba's literature. He wants to do this. He wants to do that.

ERUCH: And it's all fluke. Fluke! You know what a fluke? Don't know fluke? Yeah. Not look.

PILGRIM 2: It's the name of a hot dog.

ERUCH: Not look. Fluke. You don't know?

PILGRIM 2: Fluke means.

PILGRIM 3: To fish. [pilgrims laugh].

ERUCH: Fluke is a fish? Ok. It's a fish, accidentally caught. [pilgrims laugh]. Had Jal not gone there, all those thoughts won't come out. All the feelings wouldn't be aroused, you see. All the pent up things. He went there and just all of a sudden he sees a place. He went there. These are the beneficiaries of Avatar Meher Baba. Oh Meher Baba. All the things came back. That's how it is.