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Another noteworthy observation is their ingratiating fingers and hands pulling and snatching the red linen which are usually fastened by the contact team either on the heads, hands, arms, wrists, or waists. At times party members get scratches during the process of contact on the boat itself.

Division of labour between the sexes does not exist. According to customary law and practices, all of them irrespective of the sexes are to collect gift articles even pregnant ones are being engaged in such economic pursuits except children between the age group of three and five who are usually assigned to tender the young babies or otherwise. Surprisingly women make no hassle to leave their babies, males or females, in the care of outsiders inasmuch as they also want to go for gathering of gifts. Strangely, this is in sharp contrast to the usual practices of dominant people or societies who make fuss of treat with attention not to leave their young ones in the care of strangers under any circumstances.

Initially when the lifeboat approached the shore there were a few band members. Subsequently some members of the same band joined the former members in gathering of gifts. While after sometime about three or four persons came from the northern end of west coast of middle Andaman. They followed suit, rushing towards the boat, singing and chanting de de de and ule ule ule, to collect a few articles whatever was remaining in there.