

Patna ('Azimābād) Mint – Hammered Coinages – Gold, Shāh 'Ālam II – 1765 to 1768

The first gold coins issued from the Patna mint, under the authority of the British, were minted in 1765 in an attempt to fill the gap left by the scarcity of silver coins (see Calcutta). The Calcutta coins are reputed to be those marked with the letter C, but the identity of the Patna coins is not known.

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
See Calcutta	-	Mohur	-		Fractions may also have been struck	NR

Patna ('Azimābād) Mint – Hammered Coinages – Gold Mohur et infra – Shāh 'Ālam II – 1768 to 1769



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	Mohur	Eighth Mohur
Actual Weight (g)	11.04-11.06	0.77
Actual Diameter (mm)	19	12.0
Composition	Gold	
Edge	Plain	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
5.10	-	Mohur	-	10	Baldwin et al (2011), New York Sale XXV, lot 436	RRR
5.11	-	Eighth Mohur	-	10		RRR

Patna ('Azimābād) Mint – Hammered Coinages – Gold Mohur et infra – Shāh 'Ālam II – 1769 to 1770

The intermediate style of gold coin was issued from the Patna mint in RY 10 & 11 of Shāh 'Ālam. The coins had some characteristics of the Murshīdābād sicca, but retained the mint name, 'Azimābād. Note heavier weight



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	Mohur	Quarter Mohur	Sixteenth Mohur
Actual Weight (g)	12.33	3.1	0.77 (from Pr)
Actual Diameter (mm)	22.8-23.1	~15	~12 (from Pr)
Composition	Gold		

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
5.11C	-	Mohur	1182	10		RRR
5.12	-	"	1183	10		
5.12A	-	Quarter Mohur	1182	10		RRR
5.13	-	"	1183	11	Ref: S. Bhandare from Vienna museum. See JONS (2010), 205, p. 26.	
5.14	60	Sixteenth Mohur	1182	10	BM	RRR

Patna ('Azimābād) Mint – Shāh 'Ālam II – Hammered Coinages – Silver Nazarana Rupee



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Actual Weight (g)	11.6	Actual Diameter (mm)		Composition	Silver
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Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
5.15C	-	Nazarana Rupee	1182	10		RRR

Patna ('Azimābād) Mint – Shāh 'Ālam II – Hammered Coinages – Silver Rupee 1765 to 1769



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	Rupee	Half Rupee	Quarter Rupee	Eighth Rupee	Sixteenth Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.64?	5.82	2.91	1.45	0.73
Actual Weight (g)	11.29-11.54	5.74	?	1.42	0.74
Actual Diam (mm)	22.7-25.0	19.0-19.4	~15	11.3-11.5	9.0-9.5
Composition	Silver				

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
5.15	-	Rupee	1178	6	Ref: Baldwin (2001), sale 25 (Wiggins), lot 593.	R
5.16	104	"	1179	7		R
5.16C	-	"	1180	7		R
5.17	105	"	1180	8		R
5.18	-	"	1181	8	Ref: Baldwin (2002), sale31, lot 704.	R
5.19	106	"	1181	9		R
5.20	107	"	1182	9		R
5.21	108	"	1182	10		R
5.21C	-	Half Rupee	xxxx	8		RRR
5.22	-	"	xxxx	9	Reported by Nick Rhodes, 2006.	RRR
5.23	-	"	xxxx	10	Reported by Nick Rhodes, Sept 2006.	RRR
5.24	-	Quarter Rupee	xxxx	7	Reported by Nick Rhodes, Dec 2008.	RRR
5.25	-	Eighth Rupee	xxxx	7	Reported by Hemanth Chopra but date not visible.	RRR
5.26	-	Sixteenth Rupee	xxxx	7	Reported by Hemanth Chopra.	RRR

Patna ('Azimābād) Mint – Shāh 'Ālam II – Hammered Coinages – Silver Rupee 1771 to 1773

Like the gold coins, the intermediate style of silver coins was issued in RY 10 & 11. The coins had the moon on the obverse and the flower on the reverse, in imitation of Murshīdābād siccas, but retained the mint name 'Azimābād.



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zarb 'azimābād sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at "Azimābād in the [RY] year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

Actual Weight (g)	11.50-11.58
Actual Diameter (mm)	24.0-25.5
Composition	Silver
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
5.27	-	1183	10	Ref: Nick Rhodes from photo from a collector in India.	RRR
5.27A	-	1183	11	Nazarana. Ashmolean museum.	RRR
5.28	134	1183	11		RR

Patna Mint – Shāh 'Ālam II – Hammered Coinages – Silver, Shāh 'Ālam II – 1770 to 1772

The silver coins issued from the Patna mint, under the authority of the British from 1770 to 1772, seem to be indistinguishable from coins minted at Calcutta (see Calcutta).

Patna Mint ('Azimābād) – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur – Wide Border



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zarb murshīdābād sanah 19 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Murshīdābād in the 19th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

Official Weight (g)	12.36
Actual Weight (g)	12.35
Actual Diameter (mm)	27.1-27.5
Composition	Gold
Edge	Grained Right

Privy Marks

Mohur, Half Mohur, Rupee & Half Rupee



No dot – Calcutta



Dot in right-hand circle – Patna



Dot in centre circle – Murshidabad



Dot in left-hand circle – Dacca

Quarter Mohur and Quarter Rupee



Calcutta – dot in centre group



Patna – dot in left group



Dacca – dot in right group



Murshidabad – no dot

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
5.30	-	"	Ref: Baldwin (2000), sale 22 (Wheeler), lot 137. Wide border. Dot in right circle of dots on obverse.	RRR

Patna Mint ('Azimābād) – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur and Half Mohur – Narrow Border



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	Mohur	Half Mohur
Official Weight (g)	12.36	6.18
Actual Weight (g)	12.35	6.17-6.18
Actual Diameter (mm)	27.1-27.5	~22
Composition	Gold	
Edge	Grained Right	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
5.29	68	Mohur	Dot in right circle of dots on obverse.	RR
5.31	69	Half Mohur	Ref: Baldwin (2000), sale 22 (Wheeler), lot 136.	RRR

See also Calcutta, Murshidābād and Dakka mints

Patna Mint ('Azimābād) – Milled Coinages – Gold Quarter Mohur – Shāh 'Ālam II – 1795-1796

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1204 sikka shāh 'ālam bādshāh ghāzī (= 1204, Coin of Shāh 'Ālam the victorious Emperor).

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ḡarb murshīdābād sanah 19 (= Struck at Murshīdābād in year 19).

Official Weight (g)	3.09
Actual Weight (g)	?
Actual Diameter (mm)	~17
Composition	Gold
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
5.32	70	None traced. Dot in left group of dots on reverse.	NR

See also Calcutta, Murshīdābād and Dakka mints

Patna Mint ('Azimābād) – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee – Shāh 'Ālam II – 1793

Dated AH 1202. The first milled silver coins issued from the Patna mint have the AH date, 1202, on the obverse. Pridmore assigned the coins with this secret mark (dot in right-hand circle) to the Dacca mint, but see discussion in text for the reasons for changing this.



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ḡarb murshīdābād sanah 19 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Murshīdābād in the 19th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

Official Weight (g)	11.64
Actual Weight (g)	11.63
Actual Diameter (mm)	29.3-29.6
Composition	Silver
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
5.33	155	Rupee	Dot in right circle on obverse	R

See also Calcutta and Murshīdābād

Patna Mint ('Azimābād) – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee and Half Rupee – Shah Alam – 1794 to 1796

Later silver coins did not have the AH date on the obverse except the quarter rupee. Pridmore assigned the coins with this secret mark to the Dacca mint but see discussion in text for the reasons for changing this.



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	Rupee	Half Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.64	5.82
Actual Weight (g)	11.48-11.58	5,75
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.3-27.1	22.2-22.3
Composition	Silver	
Edge	Grained Right	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
5.34	163	Rupee	Dot in right circle on obverse	RR
5.35	164	Half Rupee		RR

See also Calcutta, Murshidābād & Dakka mints

Patna Mint ('Azimābād) – Milled Coinages – Silver Quarter Rupee – Shah Alam – 1794 to 1796



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1204 sikka shāh 'ālam bādshāh (= AH 1204 Coin of Shāh 'Ālam Emperor).



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ẓarb murshidābād sanah 19 (= Struck at Murshidābād in the 19th year).

Official Weight (g)	2.91
Actual Weight (g)	?
Actual Diameter (mm)	~17
Composition	Silver
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
5.36	165	Dot in left group on reverse.	RR

See also Calcutta, Murshidābād & Dakka mints

Patna Mint ('Azimābād), Copper – 1794

The Patna assay master produced copper coins as a trial in 1794, but the identity is not known. He may well have used the existing rupee dies.



Possible design for Blake's copper coins struck at Patna

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
5.37	-	Pice	Blake (mint master) made a trial of 10 maunds of copper in 1794 – probably about 2500 copper coins in 1794. None known so far.	NR