Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Silver Rupee – Farrukh Siyar (1713 to 1719)





Sikka zad az fazl hagg bar sim wa zar bādshāh bahar wa bar farrukh-Siyar [AH] (= Struck money of gold and silver by the grace of God Emperor of sea and land. Farrukh-Siyar [AH]). On RY 6 the AH is top right. On RY 7 the AH is to the left in the centre row.





zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of tranquil prosperity)

	Rupee Half Rupe				
Actual Weight (g)	11.51-11.53	5.32-5.71			
Actual Diameter (mm)	23.8-26.8	23.0-24.2			
Composition	Silver				

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Provenance	Cor	nments	Rarity
2.1	30	Rupee	112x	6	RJ	Also in BM	A.I. I	RR
2.2	30	"	1129	6	RJ, Tody		AH date top right. See photos.	S
2.3	30	"	112x	6	Ste, Tody		GGC PHOTOG.	R
2.3A	-	11	1130	6	Craig	See Johnston, JONS 236		RR
2.4	31	33	1130	7	Ste, Tody	AH 1130 – ref: Baldwin (2003), sale 35, lot 1711	AH date centre left. See photos.	S
2.5	31	"	1130	7	Ste, Tody			R
2.6	-	Half Rupee	112x	6	Tody, Bombay			RRR
2.7	-	"	xxxx	7	Ste	Ref: Shatrughan Jain, personal communication, November 2006		RRR

N.B. A Farrukh Siyar rupee apparently without a RY has been offered for sale (Album list 197 No 363). It has a light weight of 10.89g and diameter of 22.5-23.3. It also has a different arrangement of the obverse legend and a different differentiating mark. It therefore does not fit into this series and is either from a different mint or a counterfeit. See photo below:

<u>Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Gold Mohur – Shah Jahan II</u> 1719

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sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī shāh jahān (= the auspicious coin of the victorious Emperor Shāh Jahān)

zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

Official Weight (g) 10.79 Actual Weight (g) Actual Diameter (mm) Composition Gold

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
2.8	1	No specimens traced	RRR

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Silver Rupee – Shah Jahan II (1719)





sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī shāh jahān [AH] (= The auspicious coin of the Victorious Emperor Shāh Jahān [AH]).





zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of tranquil prosperity).

	Rupee	Half Rupee				
Actual Weight (g)	11.53	5.70-5.75				
Actual Diameter (mm)	23.8-25.6	19.8-21.9				
Composition	Silver					
Edge	Plain					

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
2.9	32	Rupee	[11]31	Ahd		R
		•		(1)		
2.10	33	Half Rupee	[11]31	Ahd		RRR
		·		(1)		

See also Sūrat mint. On the Sūrat coins the King's name is usually in the top line but there is a specimen with the King's name in the middle line – like the Bombay coins (noted by Bob Johnston)

Bombay Mint - Hammered Coinages - Moghul Style - Gold Mohur - Muhammad **Shah 1719 to 1748**





sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī muḥammad shāh (= the auspicious coin of the victorious Emperor Muḥammad Shāh).





zarb munbai sanah (RY) julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the (RY) year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

Actual Weight (g) 10.92-10.95

Actual Diameter (mm) 21.6-22.7 Composition Gold

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
2.11	-	113x	8		RRR
2.12	-	114x	11	Ref: ONS (1998), Newsletter 157, p15. See photos	RRR
2.13	2	1145	15	Caldecott lot 58. Not seen since	RRR
2.14	3	11[xx]	29	Caldecott lot 59. Not seen since	RRR

Oswal auction 48 had a similar coin apparently without a RY date but it looks like a weakly struck RY 11. See photos

Bombay Mint - Hammered Coinages - Moghul Style - Silver Rupee et infra -Muhammad Shah - 1





Sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī muḥammad shāh [AH] (= the auspicious coin of the victorious Emperor . Muḥammad Shāh [AH]).





zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of tranquil prosperity).

	Rupee	Half Rupee	Quarter Rupee	Eighth Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.55	5.76	2.89	1.44
Actual Weight (g)	11.18-11.57	5.57-5.81	?	?
Actual Diameter (mm)	20.3-27.3	18.0-21.6	~18	~16
Composition			Silver	
Edge			Plain	

Catalogue												
Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	АН	RY	Differentiating Mark	Comments	Rarity					
2.14c	-	Rupee	1131	1	1		S					
2.14e	-	n	1131	2	?	Differentiating mark not clear but could be flower? Very rare with both AH & RY						
2.15	35	"	1132	2	?	Recorded from Pr. Mark not known. Maybe 1?						
2.16	-	"	XXXX	2	1	Also, ref: Wiggins						
2.17	-	"	113x	3	1	Also, ref: Wiggins						
2.18	-	"	113x	3	2							
2.19	-	"	1134	3	3							
2.20	36	"	1135	4	3							
2.21	37	"	1135	5	3							
2.22		"	1136	5	4							
2.23	38	"	1136	6	4							
2.24		"	113x	6	5							

Catalogue

Catalogue												
Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	АН	RY	Differentiating Mark	Comments	Rarity					
2.25	39	Rupee	1136	7	?	Taken from Pr. but AH & RY do not correspond. May be a mistake?						
2.26	40	"	1137	7	5	See photos for a specimen possibly dated 1138						
2.27	41	"	1138	8	5							
2.28	42	"	1139	9	5							
2.29	-	33	1140	10	5	Numeral 5 written as small circle, not dot						
2.30	-	"	XXXX	10/9	5	RY 10 over 9. May be a light-weight counterfeit?						
2.31	-	"	114x	11	6	Straight 1s in RY						
2.32	43	"	114x	11	7	Curved 1s in RY						
2.33	44	"	114x	12	7							
2.34	-	"	114x	13	7	Ref: Mitchiner M1694						
2.35	45	"	114x	14	7							
2.36	46	"	1145	15	8	Numeral 5 written as kidney shape						
2.37	47	"	1146	16	8	, .						
2.38	48	"	1147	17	8							
2.39	49	"	1148	18	8							
2.40	50	"	1149	19	8							
2.41	51	"	1150	19	8							
2.42	-	"	1150	20	8	Numeral 0 written as small circle (not dot)						
2.43	52	"	115[x]	21	8	doty						
2.44	-	"	115[2]	22	8	Ref: Puddester						
2.45	_	"	115[2]	23	8							
2.46		"	1154	23	8	Ref: Puddester						
2.47	-	"	1134 11xx	24	8	Ref: Puddester						
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2.48	53	"	1155	25	8	Ref: Puddester						
2.49	54	"	1156	26	8							
2.50	55		1157	27	8	Ref: Puddester						
2.51	-	"	115[x]	28	8	Ref: Noble (1995), sale 48 lot 2059. Also Puddester						
2.52	-		1159	29	8							
2.53	-	"	116x	30	8	Numeral 0 written as dot or small circle						
2.54	56	"	1161	31	8							
2.55	57	Half Rupee	XXXX	4	-		RR					
2.56	-	"	11xx	5	3							
2.57	-	"	XXXX	6	4							
2.58	-	"	[xxxx]	7	5							
2.59	-	"	[xxxx]	9	5	Ref: Album (2011), sale 10, lot 1581						
2.59C	-	"	[xxxx]	11	7							
2.60	58	"	1147	17	8							
2.61	-		xxxx	19	-	Ref: Puddester						
2.61A	-		XXXX	20	8							
2.62	59	"	11[xx]	21	-							
2.63	-	"	115x	25	_							
2.64	-	33	1xxx	29	-							
2.65	-	"	1777	31	-	Ref: Wiggins						
2.66	_	Quarter Rupee	?	2[x]		Ref: Bhandare	RRR					
2.67	-			?		Michiner M1697						
		Eighth Rupee	11xx			TVIIOTIII OT IVI I OO7	RR					

See also fifth & Twelfth rupees for use on the Malabar Coast

Differentiating Marks









Mark 1









Mark 5

Mark 6

Mark 7

Mark 8

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Copper Dam – Muhammad Shah





sikka mubārak muḥammad bādshāh ghāzī muḥammad shāh (=

Actual Weight (g) 20.11-20.99

Actual Diameter (mm) 23.3-24.6

Composition Copper

Cat No.	Pr. No.	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity					
2.68	-	1140?	10?	At least five known. First published by Sanjay Sahadev, IIRNS, April 2002.	RR					

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Silver Single and Half Rupees – Ahmad Shah (1748 to 1754)





sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī aḥmad shāh bahādur [AH] (= The auspicious coin of the Victorious Emperor Aḥmad Shāh the valiant. [AH]).





zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of tranquil prosperity).

	Rupee	Half Rupee	Quarter Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.60	5.80	
Actual Weight (g)	11.40-11.56	5.63-5.73	2.77
Actual Diameter (mm)	20.0-23.2	17.3-18.1	15.3-15.8
Composition		Silver	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
2.69	-	Rupee	XXXX	2		R
2.70	-	"	11xx	3	Also Ref: Puddester	
2.71	65	"	XXXX	4		
2.72	66	"	XXXX	5		
2.73	67	"	1167	6		
2.74	-	Half Rupee	XXXX	4	See photos for one that might be RY 2 or 3	RR
2.75	-	"	11xx	6	Ref: Withers, Mahapatra.	
2.75C	-	Quarter Rupee	XXXX	Х	Attribution not certain but specimen in photo shows all the characteristics of a coin of Aḥmad Shāh	RR

<u>Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Gold Mohur et infra –</u> Alamgir II (1774)





Sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī 'ālamgīr (= the auspicious coin of the victorious Emperor 'Ālamgīr).





zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

	Mohur	Eighth Mohur	Fifteenth Mohur
Official Weight (g)	11.55		0.76
Actual Weight (g)	11.47-11.58	1.40-1.42	0.77
Actual Diameter (mm)	17.5-19.4	10.5-12.3	8.6-8.9
Composition		Gold	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity		
2.76	8	Mohur	1188	9		RRR		
2.77	-	Eighth Mohur	11xx	1xx 9 At least 8 known to RJ. Said to come from a royal family in Belgaum along with a lot of Venetian ducats.		RR		
2.78	11	Fifteenth Mohur	XXXX	9	BM specimen wt = 0.77g Diam 8.6-8.9 (from RJ)	RRR		

See also Third Mohur for Use on Malabar Coast

<u>Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Silver Rupee – Alamgir II</u> (1754 to 1759)







sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī 'ālamgīr [AH] (= the auspicious coin of the Victorious Emperor 'Ālamgīr [AH]). Date either top left or bottom left.





zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of tranquil prosperity).

	Rupee	Half Rupee	Eighth Rupee
Actual Weight (g)	11.46-11.52	5.71g	
Actual Diameter (mm)	20.2-23.0	17.2-18.1	~9
Composition		Silver	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Obv	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
2.79	-	Rupee	Α	1167	Ahd (Ry1)	Dot above julūs on reverse	RR
2.80	-		В	1168	Ahd (Ry1)	No dot above julūs on reverse	RR
2.81	-	Half Rupee	В	(1168)	Ahd (Ry1)	Ref: Hemanth Chopra	RRR
2.82	-	Eighth Rupee	А	(1167)	XX	Ref: Bhandare. In Paris museum. Identified by style. No mint or date visible	RRR

Obverse Varieties

Date Position	The AH date may be in different positions in the legend.
Vowel mark	The vowel mark at the bottom right varies with the date

	Α	В
Date Position	Top part of legend	Bottom part of legend
Vowel mark	Open	Closed





A – Date in top part of legend. Vowel mark - Open





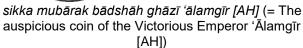
B – Date in bottom part of legend Vowel mark - Closed

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Silver Rupee – Alamgir II (1754 to 1759)

The existence of the quarter and eighth rupees is somewhat doubtful but they are listed for reference.











zarb munbai sanah [RY] julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Bombay in the [RY] year of tranquil prosperity)

	Rupee	Half Rupee	Quarter Rupee	Eighth Rupee		
Actual Weight (g)	11.46-11.57	5,72-5.78		1.34-1.42		
Actual Diameter (mm)	19.1-22.5	17.2-18.1		11.9-12.6		
Composition	Silver					

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
2.83	68	Rupee	1169	2		S
2.84	69	"	117[0]	2		
2.85	-	"	117[1]			
2.86	-	"	XXXX	4	Ref: Puddester	
2.87	70	"	117[3]	5	Ref: Puddester. See photos for a specimen with a retrograde date xx73.	
2.88	71	Half Rupee	11xx	2		RR
2.89	-	"	XXXX	4	Ref: Puddester	
2.90	72	"		5		
2.91	-	Quarter Rupee		Х	Existence doubtful	RR
2.92	-	Eighth Rupee		2	See photos for a probable RY 5	RR

See also rupees for use on the Malabar Coast

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – European Style Gold Rupee (Mohur) et infra – 1765



The shield of arms of the Company within a plain circle and surrounded by the legend. All within a beaded circle.



An inscription with floral ornaments above and below. All within a beaded boarder.

	Rupee	Half Rupee	Quarter Rupee		
Official Weight (g)	10.95	5.48	2.74		
Actual Weight (g)	10.94	?	2.72-2.75		
Actual Diameter (mm)	23.6-24.2	20 (from Pr.)	17.0-17.7		
Composition	Gold				
Edge	Plain				

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	Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity			
Γ	2.93	4	Rupee		RRR			
	2.94	5	Half Rupee		RRR			
	2.95	6	Quarter Rupee	BM specimen: wt = 2.75g	RRR			

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – European Style – Gold Fifteen Rupees (Mohur) – 1770



BOMBAY 1770 15 RUPEES

An inscription surrounded by ornaments. All within a plain circle. Surrounded by a raised toothed rim.





sikka mubārak sanah 9 'ālamgīr bādshāh ghāzī sanah 1184 = Auspicious coin of the 9th year of 'Ālamgīr, The victorious Emperor. Year 1184. Within a plain circle all surrounded by a raised toothed rim.

Official Weight (g) 10.95 Actual Weight (g) 10.87-10.99 Actual Diameter (mm) 22.8-23.7 Metal Gold

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
2.96	7	1184(=AD 1770/71)	9 (=AD 1767/68)	Modern counterfeits exist. See photo below. BM specimen: Wt. = 10.99g. Diam = 23.1-23.6mm	RRR



Modern counterfeit (photo from Bob Johnston). 11.05g

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – European Style – Copper Double Pice et infra – GR Type – 1728 to 1749

The pice denomination appears to come in two weights as shown below.



A large crown. G R separated by the orb and cross of the crown. BOMB below the crown. All within a beaded rim.

The top arches of the crown are decorated with beads, not loops or circles.



The legend (= under the patronage of the King and parliament of England) and date. Within a beaded rim.

	Double Pice	Pice Type 1	Pice Type 2	Half Pice		
Actual Weight (g)	15.06-19.05	8.01-10.13	5.90-6.13	3.23-4.57		
Actual Diameter (mm)	21.5-26.3	17.6-21.6	17.6-19.3	15.0-17.5		
Composition	Copper					
Edge	Plain					

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments	Rarity
2.97	99	Double Pice	1728		S
2.98	100	"	1730		R
2.99	101	"	1733		R
2.100	-	"	1733	BOMB mis-spelt BMOB. Ref: BM	RRR
2.101	-	"	1733	Overstruck on falūs of Iranian mint of Qazvin. Ref: Goron, S, (1997), ONS 154, p22	RRR

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments	Rarity
2.102	102	"	1735		RR
2.103	103	"	1737		RR
2.104	(104)	Pice Type 1	1728	With complete date visible	R
2.105	(104)	"	1733		RR
2.106	-	"	XXXX	BOMB mis-spelt BMOB. Ref: Noble (1995), Sale 48, Lot 2080	RRR
2.107	106	Pice Type 2	1749		RR
2.108	105	Half Pice	17xx	Loops on arch of crown. Horizontal lines in centre of crown	R
2.109	105	"	XXXX	Beads on arch of crown. No horizontal lines in centre	R

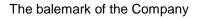




Half Pice with loops (left) and beads (right)

<u>Bombay – Hammered Coinages – European Style – Copper Double Pice – Balemark Type – 1773 to 1784</u>







Crown with G R above separated by the orb and cross. The legend and date below the crown.

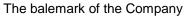
Actual Weight (g) 10.19-10.54 Actual Diameter (mm) 19.0-22.5 Composition Copper

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments	Rarity
2.110	107	Double Pice	1773	- Commonto	S
2.111		"	"	Transposed balemark. Ref: Puddester.	RR
2.112	108	"	1775		S
2.113		"	1777	Ref: Puddester. Could this be 1773 with the 3 on the edge and just the top showing? See photos	RRR
2.114	109	"	1783		R
2.115	-	"	1784		RRR

Bombay - Hammered Coinages - European Style - Copper Pice - Balemark Type 73 to 1784







The legend PICE BOMB and date below.

Actual Weight (g) 4.79-5.22 Actual Diameter (mm) 16.9-20.1 Composition Copper

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments	Rarity
2.116	110	Pice	1773		S
2.117		"	1777	Ref: Puddester. Could this be 1773 with the 3 on the edge and just the top showing?	NR
2.117C		"	1779		RR
2.118	111	"	1783		R
2.119	112	"	1784		R
2.120	113	"	1788		R

Bombay - Hammered Coinages - European Style - Copper Half & Quarter Pice -**Balemark Type - 1773 to 1784**



The balemark of the Company



Value of either ½ or ¼

	Half Pice	Quarter Pice
Actual Weight (g)	2.56-2.63	1.15-1.25
Actual Diameter (mm)	14.2-15.0	10.4-12.0
Composition	C	opper

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments	Rarity
2.121	114	Half Pice	1773		RR
2.122	115	Quarter Pice	1773		RR

<u>Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – European Style – Copper Pice – Countermarked – 1788</u>

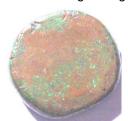
These very rare coins seem to come in various weights as can be seen from the weight range below.



Old native copper coin countermarked with an oblong stamp containing BOMB

1788

within a beaded border.



Blank

Actual Weight (g)	5.21-19.84

Actual Diameter (mm) 19.3-23.7

Composition Copper

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
2.123	116/117	Another specimen in BM. The inscription can be in various sized letters. See photos.	RRR

Bombay - Hammered Coinages - European Style - Copper Weight?





Actual Weight (g)	12.61
Actual Diameter (mm)	
Composition	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments	Rarity
-	-	Weight?	None	Not certain what this is	_

<u>Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – European Style – Tin Double Pice et infra –</u> Balemark Type 1741 to 1771



A large crown with GR above. The GR is divided by the orb and cross of the crown. Below the crown is the legend. All within a border of half loops.



AUSPICIO REGIS ET SENATUS ANGLIAE

The motto of the Company in four lines (By the authority of the King and Parliament of England) with or without the date below. Scrolled ornaments above and below. All within a border of half loops.

	Double Pice	Pice	Half Pice
Official Weight (g)	27.2	13.6	6.8
Actual Weight (g)	25.55-36.67	13.14-17.72	10.23
Actual Diameter (mm)	37.1-41.0	32.0-35.5	28.3-28.7
Composition		Tin	
Edge		Plain	

Double pice maximum weight based on report from Randy Weir.

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date	Comments		Rarity
2.124	232	Double Pice	1732	Not seen by Pridmore. Recorded from Atkins. Probexist.	pably does not	RRR
2.125	233	"	1741	See photos for a possible contemporary forgery.		RR
2.126	234	"	1742	Not seen by Pridmore. Recorded from Atkins.		RRR
2.127	235	"	1743			RRR
2.128	-	"	1747			RRR
2.129	236	"	1748			RRR
2.130	237	"	1761	Not seen by Pridmore. Recorded from Atkins.		RRR
2.131	238	"	1771	Obv legend reads BOMB.		RR
2.132	238	"	1771	Obv legend reads BONB.		RRR
2.133	239	"	1771	Rev legend reads SENATUT.		RRR
2.134	240	"	No Date		Probably	RR
2.135	-	"	No Date	Struck in lead. Wt=41g. Ref: Hemanth Chopra.	issued in 1754.	RRR
2.136	242	Pice	1741			RRR
2.137	243	"	1743	Not seen by Pridmore. Recorded from Atkins		RRR
2.138	-	"	1744			RRR
2.139	244	"	1747			RRR
2.140	245	"	1771	See photos for a possible contemporary counterfeit.		RR
2.141	246	"	No Date	Probably struck in 1754		R
2.142	247	Half Pice	No Date	Probably struck in 1754		RRR





Diphthong correct Diphthong - Second Bar of E missing
This minor difference is not listed as a variety in the table above



Correct Spelling for BOMB



BOMB Mis-spelt BONB (from RJ)



Correct Spelling for SENATUS



SENATUS Mis-spelt SENATUT



Weak B at end. Might be read as BOMI



Looks like 1741 but the 1 looks a bit like a B



1741 that could be mistaken for 1711

All three photos from Randy Weir. Some may be examples of the numerous contemporary forgeries discussed in the records.

Bombay Mint - Hammered Coinages - European Style - Tin Half and Quarter Pice - Value Type - No Date



Balemark of the Company



The value in English within a plain raised border

	½ Pice	1/4 Pice	
Official Weight (g)	6.95	3.48	
Actual Weight (g)	5.31-6.15	?	
Actual Diameter (mm)	22.5-23.5	?	
Composition	Tin		
Edge	Plain		

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
2.143	248	½ Pice	Probably issued in 1757. See text	RR
2.144	249	1/4 Pice		RRR