

Bombay Mint – Hammered Coinages – Moghul Style – Gold, Mohur et infra – Shah Alam – 46 San



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sikka mubārak bādshāh ghāzī shāh ‘ālam (= The auspicious coin of the victorious Emperor Shāh ‘Ālam). Border not visible on specimens examined.



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zarb sūrat sanah 46 julūs maimanat mānūs = (Struck at Sūrat in the 46th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity). Border not visible on specimens examined.

	Mohur	Panchia (¹ / ₃)	Gold Rupee (¹ / ₁₅)
Official Weight (g)	11.59/11.66	3.86/3.88	0.77
Actual Weight (g)	11.52-11.66	3.83-3.88	0.75-0.77
Actual Diameter (mm)	17.0-19.0	12.7-15.0	7.5-9.7
Composition	Gold		

The official weight of the mohur was 11.59g from 1800-1824 and 11.66 from 1825-1831. The panchia and gold rupee were proportionate.

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Privy Marks	Date Issued	Comments	Rarity
3.1	257	Mohur	2 Crescent	1801-02		RR
3.2	-	"	3 1802 upside-down on panel + leopard's head on rev.	"		RRR
3.3	261	"	4 Crown	1803-24		R
3.4	262	"	4a Inverted Crown	"		R
3.5	266	"	5 Star + Crown	1825-31	Official wt 11.66g	R
3.6	258	Panchia	2 Crescent	1801-02		RR
3.7	260	"	3 1802 on panel + leopard's head on rev.	"	Listed from Pr. The 1802 date is upside-down	RRR
3.8	263	"	4 Crown	1803-24		RR
3.9	264	"	4a Inverted Crown	"		RR
3.10	267	"	5 Star + Crown	1825-31	Official wt 3.88g	RR
3.11	-	"	5c Star + Crown at top	1825-31	Ref: Album (2012), sale 13, lot 1413.. This looks like a light-weight local imitation. Modern fake or contemporary copy?	NR
3.12	268	"	5a Star + inverted crown at bottom	"		RR
3.13	259	Rupee	2 Crescent	1801-02		RR
3.14	265	"	4b Star to right	1803-24		R
3.15	269	"	5b Star to left	1825-31		R

See also Sūrat Mint

Privy Marks on Gold Coins

A number of different privy marks occur on the gold and silver Sūrat style coins issued from the Surat and Bombay mints. Pridmore has undertaken a study of these marks and arrived at a proposed assignment of date for them. He was only able to confirm one of these (for the 1802 gold coinage) from literature sources and the rest remain a matter of his deduction, which he considered required further research (See Pridmore).



No privy mark.
Sūrat Mint



Privy mark 2 –
upside-down
crescent



Privy mark 3 –
1802 upside-
down on Panel



Privy mark 4



Privy mark 4a



Privy mark 4b



Privy mark 5 star
& Crown



Privy mark 5a



Privy mark 5b



Privy mark 5c

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zārah sūrah sanah 46 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Sūrah in the 46th year of tranquil prosperity).

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	Rupee	Half Rupee	Quarter Rupee	Eighth Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.59/11.66	5.76/5.83	2.88/2.91	1.44/1.46
Actual Weight (g)	11.55-11.64	5.73-5.84	2.89-2.92	1.46
Actual Diameter (mm)	17.8-20.8	14.6-17.8	11.8-13.4	10.0-11.0
Composition	Silver			

The official weight of the rupee was 11.59g from 1800-1824 and 11.66g from 1825-1831. The fractions were proportionate.

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Privy Mark	Comments	Rarity
3.16	270	Rupee	6		N
3.17	274	"	7	Silver-plated forgeries exist. See photos.	N
3.18	276	"	8	Wt = 11.66g. Base metal forgeries exist.	N
3.19	280	"	9	See photos for one with an AH date	RR
3.20	271	Half Rupee	6		S
3.21	275	"	7		S
3.22	277	"	8	Wt = 5.83g	S
3.23	281	"	9		S
3.24	272	Quarter Rupee	6		S
3.25	278	"	8		S
3.26	-	"	7		S
3.27	282	"	9	Wt = 2.91g. Not traced by Pridmore. None seen.	S
3.28	273	Eighth Rupee	6		RR
3.29	279	"	8	Wt = 1.46g	RR
3.30	283	"	9		RR

See also Sūrāt Mint

Privy Marks on Silver Coins



Privy Mark 1 (for Sūrāt Mint)



Privy Mark 6



Privy Mark 7



Privy Mark 8



Privy Mark 9

1800-1824

Pridmore suggests that there may have been an earlier mark like the crescent on the gold coins.

1825

In 1825 the mint contractors and the fineness of the coins was changed. This mark is only found on the rupee and half rupee.

1825-1831

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Pridmore believed that a mint other than Bombay or Surat used this mark. He suggested Poona as a possibility, but the rupees struck at that mint are of a different type (see Poona mint). I'm not really sure why he thought this. It seems more likely that this is a privy mark of Bombay indicating a different date or mint contractor.

Calcutta Mint – Silver, Rupee – Shah Alam – 1823 to 1824



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zarb sūrat sanah (RY) julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Sūrat in the (RY) year of tranquil prosperity).

Official Weight (g)	11.66
Actual Weight (g)	11.54-11.67
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.7-27.6
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Status	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
3.31	284	Rupee	Currency	1215	46	One recorded with a plain edge in Baldwin (2013), sale 84, lot 1996. Forgery?	S
3.32	285	"	Proof	"	"		RRR

Bombay – Copper, Four Pice et infra – 1802 to 1829



Baemark with date below. Within a toothed border. The border is not usually visible.



Balanced scales with *ādīl* (= justice) written in Arabic between the pans. May be a numeral to indicate value. All within a toothed border that is not usually visible.

	Four Pice	Double Pice	Pice	Half Pice	Quarter Pice
Official Weight (g)	42.51	21.25	10.62	5.31	2.65
Actual Weight (g)	41.07-42.88	19.22-21.31	8.64-10.69	4.77-5.56	2.46-2.81
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.3-30.0	20.0-25.0	17.7-22.8	14.5-18.6	12.0-14.8
Composition	Copper				
Edge	Plain				

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Rev	Date	Comments	Rarity
3.33	141	Four Pice	-	1802		RR
3.34	142	"	-	1803		RR
3.35	143	"	-	1804		RR
3.36	144	Double Pice	I	1802		RR
3.37	145	"	I	1803		R
3.38	146	"	I	1804		R
3.39	147	"	I	1808		RR
3.40	148	"	I	1809		R
3.41	149	"	I	1810		R
3.42	150	"	II	1812		RR
3.43	146A	"	I	1813		R
3.44	151	"	II	1813		RR
3.45	-	"	II	1815?	Noble (1995), Sale 48, lot 2092. Rev. date not clear. Could be 1816	RR
3.46	152	"	II	1816		R

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Rev	Date	Comments	Rarity
3.47	153	"	II	1811	Contemporary Forgery?	R
3.48	154	"	II	1818		RR
3.49	155	"	II	1818	Contemporary Forgery?	R
3.50	156	"	II	1819		R
3.51	157	"	II	1825		R
3.52	158	"	II	1826		R
3.53	159	"	II	1827		RR
3.54	159A	"	II	1828		RR
3.55	160	"	II	1829		R
3.56	161	Pice		1802		S
3.57	162	"		1803		S
3.58	163	"		1804		R
3.59	164	"		1808		S
3.60	165	"		1809		R
3.61	166	"		1810		S
3.62	-	"		1811?	Ref: Noble (1995), sale 48, lot 2093. Coin very worn and date not clear	R
3.63	167	"		1813		S
3.64	168	"		1815		S
3.65	169	"		1816		S
3.66	170	"		1818		R
3.66A	-	"		1818		R
3.67	171	"		1819		S
3.68	172	"		1825		S
3.69	173	"		1826		S
3.70	174	"		1827		S
3.71	175	"		1828		R
3.72	176	"		1829		S
3.73	177	Half Pice		1802		RR
3.74	178	"		1803		R
3.75	179	"		1808		RR
3.76	180	"		1810		R
3.77	181	"		1813		R
3.78	182	"		1815		RR
3.79	183	"		1816		R
3.80	184	"		1811	Contemporary forgery?	R
3.81	-	"		1881	Contemporary forgery?	R
3.82	185	"		1818		R
3.83	186	"		1819		RR
3.84	187	"		1825		S
3.85	188	"		1826		R
3.86	189	"		1827		R
3.87	190	"		1829		RR
3.88	191	Quarter Pice		1816		RR
3.89	192	"		1821?	On the examples seen, only the top of the last numeral is visible and could be a 5 rather than a 1. i.e. 1825 not 1821	RR
3.90	193	"		1825		RR
3.91	-	"		1826	Last numeral of date not completely clear, but most likely 6. Ref: Baldwin (2001), sale 25 (Wiggins), lot 729	RRR
3.92	-	"		xxx9		RRR

Reverse Varieties

Numeral 2	There may or may not be a numeral 2 in the centre of the balance, to indicate the value.
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	I	II
Numeral 2	Present	Absent



I – Numeral 2 Present



II – No Numeral 2 Present

Obverse Notes



On the Pice, 1803 and 1808 are often difficult to differentiate



Example of Forgery. Note the date.



Photo from Baldwin (Fore), lot 1929. Clearly a contemporary forgery