

### Bengal Nawābs – Ahmad Shāh – Katak (Cuttack) Mint, Silver

For most part of Ahmed Shah Bahadur's reign under Nawab Alivardi Khan, Katak mint was dormant as there was constant strife between Marathas (Bargis) with Mir Habib and Sabaji Bhonsale. The Marathas had Orissa under their control since May 1748. Alivardi Khan, the nawab decided to recover Orissa, he assembled his troops in Katwa in March 1749 and marched to Orissa via Midnapur. He defeated the Marathas in Midnapur on 5th March 1749 and reached Katak on 16th March 1749. After investing the fort for a couple of weeks, he regained the control of Barabati fort in Katak by May end 1749. The Marathas retreated in the jungles of Katak. However, as soon as Alivardi Khan left Katak, the fort was reoccupied by Marathas within a week. So this coin minted by the Nawab for a very short duration. The date/Ry combination of this coin matches with the aforesaid history and along with Calligraphy it's surely Bengal Nawab Issue and very very rare like Alinagar Kalkatta issue. (from Vikram Chatterjee)



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بادشاه غاز  
ك  
سكة مبار

*sicca mubāarak bādshāh ghāzī aḥmad shāh bahādur*



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Actual Weight (g)

Actual Diameter (mm)

Metal  Silver

#### Catalogue

Cat. No.	KM	Denomination	AH	RY	Comments	Rarity
<b>BE 39</b>	-	Rupee	116x	2	Usually recorded under Nagpur	