

## A TENTATIVE HYDERABAD DATE LIST

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Some time ago, Holland Wallace and I interested ourselves in a date and regnal year listing for Hyderabad coins, particularly the machine struck ones of Mir Mahbub and Mir Osman. Holland made up the original list and since then, I have added such certain dates that I learn of.

On the machine struck coins of Hyderabad, the AH dates are on the obverse and though the digits are small, probably most collectors are aware of them. On all coins except the one annas, Y-28, 29, and 42, regnal years are on the reverse. The small digits are hidden away in the extensive margin legends so that they have been unnoticeable to most. On the gold, they are slightly below the 9:00 position halfway between the inside and the outside edges of the margin legend. On silver and copper coins, they are at the 6:30 position directly adjacent to and below the inner circle.

The AH 1305 rupee and the coppers of AH 1312 and 1316 were in circulation a very short time before being recalled. Tarapore believed that the AH 1312 copper may have been fraudently silver plated to pass as fractional rupees even though their denominations are stated on the coins. The AH 1316 coppers are slightly smaller but apparently also thought to be unsafe. The AH 1307 rupee was probably a pattern that saw some circulation.

A new gold type, namely the partial 'ain of Mir Osman of AH 1330 was learned of for the first time. The date range of three of the four recorded gold types of this ruler has been extended. The half mohur of AH 1324 is so far known only in silver and is probably a pattern or presentation piece.

There has been a singular lack of agreement in the writings on the first machine struck coins. Tarapore describes the AH 1305 rupee as the first and Kaus agrees but thinks it strange that H. C. H. Armstead in "The Story of Hyderabad Coinage" in The Indian States Forces Annual for 1943 and Faramji K. Viccaji in "Notes on the Handminting of the Coins of India" state that the first machine struck Hyderabad coins were minted in AH 1312. The former was an ex-mintmaster and the latter an ex-assistant mintmaster at Hyderabad. Mr. Kaus has a copper proof of the AH 1305 rupee. Then in the July, 1970 issue of The Numismatist, P. B. Cheney, another former mintmaster says that the first coins to be machine struck were the issues of AH 1312. It seems strange that so many former mint officials wouldn't have the correct facts yet the evidence of the coins says differently.

In the following list, a dot instead of a number indicates that the AH date is known but not the regnal year.

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AH Date	Actual R.Y's.	G O L D					S I L V E R				C O P P E R & C O P . - N I C .			
		1 Mo.	1/2 Mo.	1/4 Mo.	1/8 Mo.	1 Ru.	1/2 Ru.	1/4 Ru.	1/8 Ru.	1/2 A.	1/4 A.	2 Pai	1 Pai	
1305	19-20					21								
1307	21-22					22							Mir Mahbub	
1311	25-26	.												
1312	26-27									29	28	29		
1313	27-28					29								
1316	30-31									32		32	32	
1318	32-33					34			35	35				
1321	35-36					37,38								
1322	36-37					38,39	38						38	
1323	37-38					39			35,39	34,39			38,39,40	
1324	38-39		40(Ag)			40					40		39,40,41	
1325	39-40	41	41	41	41					40			40,41	
1326	40-41		41			41							42	
1327	41-42												42	
1328	42-43					43	43							
1329	43-44			44		44	44			44		44		
1329	1									Mir Osman		1		
1330	1-2	1				1				Half 'ain		1		
1330	1-2					1,2				Full 'ain		1,2		
1331	2-3	3				2						2,3		
1332	3-4					3				3		3		
1333	4-5											4,5		
1334	5-6					6				4				
1335	6-7					6,7			6			6,7		
1336	7-8					7				1	1/2	7,8		
1337	8-9		8	8	8	8	9			An.	An.	8		
1338	9-10					9			10	X 1 Anna		8,9		
1339	10-11									X round		11		
1340	11-12								11	X				
1341	12-13					12			13					
1342	13-14					13	13		13,14			13,14		
1343	14-15	14				14			14			14		
1344	15-16	15			15					X	15	15	15	
1345	16-17		16									16		
1346	17-18													
1347	18-19									X		18,19		
1348	19-20							19	19		20	19		
1349	20-21	20	20							X		20		
1350	21-22													
1351	22-23							22	22,23?	X				
1352	23-24									X			23	
1353	24-25									X			.23	
1354	25-26		25				25	25		X, 0 1 An. rnd. & sq.				
1355	26-27								26					
1356	27-28									0				
1357	28-29									0				
1358	29-30							30		0				
1359	30-31									0				
1360	31-32									0	1 Anna copper-			
1361	32-33					31,32				0,X	.nickel & copper			
1362	33-34					34		33	32,33	X		33		
1363	34-35						34					34		
1364	35-36							35,36	.	X		35		
1365	36-37					36		36,37	.	X		36		
1366	37-38						37	37	37	X		37		
1367	38-39													
1368	39-40							39	39	X		39		