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Republic India Coins
1 Pice







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The One Pice coins were minted from 1950-55 - They are known as the Horse Coins of the Anna Series.

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These Coins were first minted by the Mumbai Mint and Kolkata Mint followed by the Hyderabad Mint. The lion Capital of Ashoka (The National Emblem of India) was used for the first time on these coins.

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On the Obverse of these coins we can see the Lion Capital of Ashoka in the centre surrounded by the Legend "Government of India" around the circumference/periphery. The galloping horse is a replica of the horse which is at the base of the lion capital of Ashoka. On the Reverse Side we have the image of a galloping horse in the centre facing left-wards and the denomination of the coin written in both Devanagari and English on the circumference surrounding the horse. "1 Pice" in English is inscribed to the left whilst "Ek Paisa" in Devanagari is inscribed to the Right of the horse. The year of minting is below the horse and the mint mark as usual is beneath the year.

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Year of Minting	1950-1955			
Metal	Bronze			
Weight	1950 : 3.88 gms. 1951-55 : 2.92 gms			
Diameter	21.33 mm			
Shape	Circular			
Edges	Plain			

There is a star mark below the Lion Capital of Ashoka on the obverse and on top of the galloping horse on the reverse of the coin but one should not consider it as the mint mark of the Hyderabad mint.

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The mint mark used by the Mumbai Mint was a diamond, Hyderabad Mint was identified by the vertically split diamond and as usual the absence of any mint mark was representative of the Kolkata mint.

Mint wise details of minting including Rare (R) / Scare (S) is as under:

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Year	Mumbai	Kolkata	Hyderabad
1950	R	R	×
1951	✓		×
1952	✓	×	×
1953	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	RRR
1954	✓	✓	RR
1955	\mathbf{S}	×	RR

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