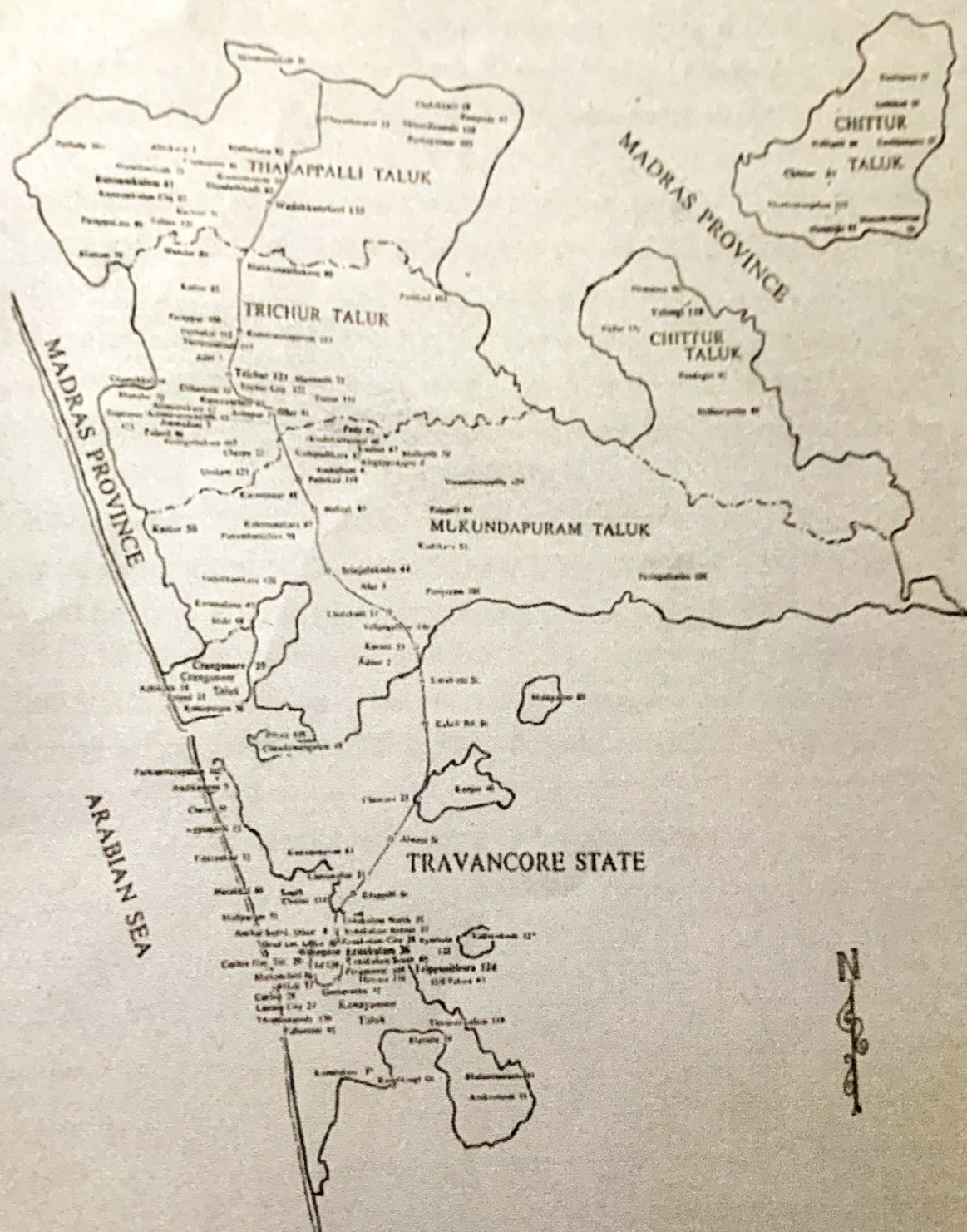


COCHIN STATE

ANCHAL OFFICES AND RAILWAY SYSTEM

Scale : 1 in = 4 mls

Revised 1905



History of Cochin Anchal

The state of Cochin with a territorial area about 1361 square miles was one of the progressive Princely States of India. It now a part of Kerala located along the South western coast of Indian Peninsula. A regular history of which stated with the arrival of the Portuguese sailor, Vasco-da-Gama at Calicut in 1498. In course of time the Dutch superseded the Portuguese in political power, who were superseded by the British, During Lord Minot's Governorship (1807-1813).

Cochin was brought under the control of the British.

The state had its own postal System known as Anchal, Initially ANCHAL System was reserved for Government communications only, Around 1864, the question of placing the Anchal on a sound footing with regular rules was taken up. By virtue of those rules framed in 1867 formal permission was granted to accept and accept and carry private articles also by the Anchal department on payment of prescribed fees. As postal stamps were not known then, fees were collected in cash.

In 1892, the levy of postage in cash was discontinued and Anchal stamp and stationery were introduced in lieu on April 1. There were very few Anchal offices at the time of integration with the neighboring state of Travancore was 134. Cochin Anchal was merged with Travancore Anchal on 1st July to form united States of Travancore- Cochin Anchal System, which was subsequently merged with Indian Post and Telegraphs department on 31st March 1951

The Coinage currency of Cochin was Puttan

1 Puttan - 10 Pies

12 pies - 1 Anna

6 Puttans - 5 Annas

16 Annas - 1 Rupee



COCHIN – STATE

1898. Numerals thin yellowish paper. Watermarked small umbrella on each stamp with or without gum P12.



3 pies



½ put



1 put



2 put

1902-03 Numerals thick white paper. Watermarked small umbrella on stamp with or without gum P12.

One side Imperf



3 pies



½ put



1 put



2 put

1909 Numeral over print, thick white paper. Watermark is always Sideway, stamp with or without gum P12.



2 pies on 3 pies



stamps tete-beche

COCHIN – STATE

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Stamps of Cochin were also valid on mail posted to Travancore.

1892 (13th April) stamp Dies engraved P.Orr & Sons, Madras, typo Cochin Govt. Ernakulum. No watermark or watermarked large umbrella in sheet.P12.



½ put.



1 Put



2 Put

1893) stamp Dies engraved P.Orr & Sons, Madras, typo Cochin Govt. Ernakulum. No watermark or watermarked large umbrella in sheet.P12. Laid paper.



½ Put

1894 stamp Dies engraved P.Orr & Sons, Madras, typo Cochin Govt. Ernakulum. Watermarked small umbrella on each stamp P12.



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1 Put



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Raja Rama Varma I 1895-1914. 1896 Similar design but 28X33 mm. P 12.



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COCHIN – STATE

1911-13 Raja Rama Varma I Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England
watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.



2p



3p



Perf 14X 12 ½



4p



4p



9p



1a



1 ½ a



2a



3a

COCHIN – STATE

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1916-30 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company.
England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P13 ½ -14.

Perf. Variation

Perf. Variation



2 pies



4 pies

Perf Variation



6 pies



8 pies



9 pies

Perf Variation



10 pies



1 Anna



1 ½ Annas

COCHIN – STATE

1916-30 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company.
England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½ -14.

Color error



2 Annas



2 ½ Annas



3 Annas

1922-29 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 14.

Two Pies overprinted on Three pies



2 Pies on 3 pies



2 Pies on 3 Pies



2 Pies on 3 Pies

Over print smudged



2 Pies on 3 Pies



COCHIN – STATE

1928 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England
watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 14.

Over print surcharged



1 Anna on 2 ½ Annas

1932-33 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company.
England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½.

Over print surcharged



3 pies on 4 pies

3 pies on 8 pies



9 pies on 10 pies

1934 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England
watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½

Over print surcharged in Red



6 pies on 8 pies



6 pies on 10 pies

COCHIN – STATE

1933-38 Maharaja Rama Varma III (1932-1941) stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 X13 ½.



2p



4p



6p



1a



1a8p



2a



2 ¼ a



3a



3a4p



6a8p



10a

COCHIN – STATE

1938 Maharaja Rama Varma III (1932-1941) stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.



2p



4p



6p



1a



2 ½ a



1938 Maharaja Rama Varma III (1932-1941) stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13X13 ½.



2p



4p



6p



2 ½ Annas

COCHIN – STATE

1942-44 Maharaja Rama Varma III stamp 1a 8p overprint various denomination

Recess printed stamps.



3p on 1a8pies



6p on 1a8p



1a3p on 1a8p

Lithographs stamps overprinted

Perf variation



3 pies on 4 pies



6 pies on 1 Anna



9 pies on 1 Anna P 13X13 ½

COCHIN – STATE

MAHARAJA KERALA VARMA II (1941-1943)

1943 Maharaja Kerala Varma II stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13X13 ½.



2 pies

Watermarked Government of Cochin emblem

Colour and Perf variation



2 pies



6 pies



4 pies



9 pies



2 ½ annas

COCHIN – STATE

1943 Maharaja Kerala Varma II stamp over print or surcharged printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13X13 ½.



3 pies on 4 pies



9 pies on 1 Anna



9 pies on 1 Anna

Watermarked Government of Cochin emblem

Perf variation



2 pies on 6 pies

Shade variation



3 pies on 4 pies

Shade variation



3pies on 4 pies



3 pies on 6 pies



COCHIN – STATE

MAHARAJA RAVI VARMA 1943-1946

1944-48 Maharaja Ravi Varma stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked Government of Cochin emblem. P11



9 pies

Perf.13.



9 pies



1a 3 pies



1a 9 pies

Perf. 13X13 ½



1a 3 pies



COCHIN – STATE

MAHARAJA KERALA VARMA III, 1943-1946

1946-4848 Maharaja Kerala Varma III stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked . P 13.

9 pies on cover



2 pies

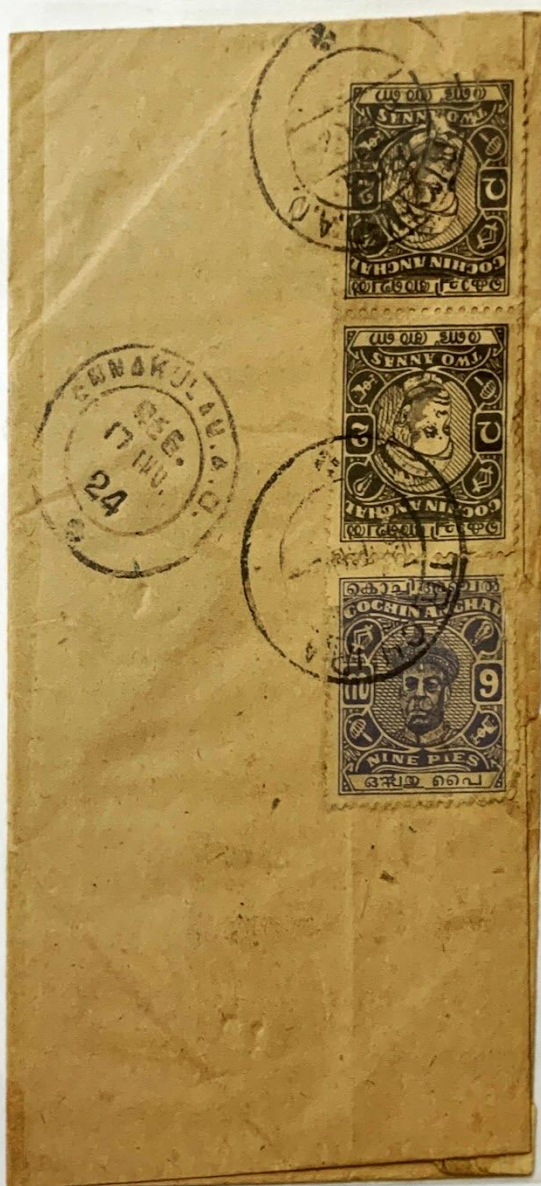
Shade Variation



3 pies



9 pies



COCHIN – STATE

MAHARAJA KERALA VARMA III, 1943-1946

1946-48 Maharaja Ravi Varma stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked . P 13.



4 pies



6 pies



1 Anna

Perf Variation



2 Annas

color variation



3 Annas

COCHIN – STATE

1948-50 Maharaja Kerala Varma III stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked . P 11.

Shade variation



3 Annas



MAHARAJA RAMA VARMA IV, 1948-1964.

1949 - Stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked Government of Cochin emblem. P11



2 Annas
Chinese Nets



2 1/4 Annas
Dutch Palace

COCHIN – STATE

1948-50 Maharaja Kerala Varma III stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked . P 11.

Shade variation



2 pies



3 pies

Shade variation



4 pies



6 pies



9pies



2 Annas

COCHIN – STATE

1949 Maharaja Ravi Varma stamp over print surcharged (Malayalam inscription), printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras watermarked Government of Cochin emblem. P11.

1944-1948 Issue.

Shade variation



6 pies on 1Anna 3pies
On 1946- 48 Issues.



1Anna on 1 Anna 9 pies



3 Pies on 9 pies



6 pies on
1 Anna 3 pies



1 Anna on
1 Anna 9 pies

COCHIN – STATE

1949 Maharaja Kerala Varma III stamp printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked Government of Cochin emblem. P11.
On 1948 – 50 Issues.

Shade variation



3 pies on 9 pies

3 p on 9 pies red over print
Malayalam letter overprint error



6 pies on 9 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

1913 – Raja Rama Varma I over Print, currency in pies and Annas, stamp Dies and eng P.Orr & Sons, Madras, typo Cochin Govt. Ernakulum, watermarked small umbrella on each stamps without gum P.14.



Over print red
3 pies



4 pies



9 pies



1 ½ Annas



2 Annas

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3 Annas



6 Annas



12 Annas



1 1/2 Rupee

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1916-30 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England
watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P13 ½ -14.

Shade variation



4 pies

Shade variation



6 pies

Shade variation



8 pies



9 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1916-30 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England
watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P13 ½ -14.



10 pies



1 ½ Annas



2 Annas

2 Annas used on cover.



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1916-30 Raja Rama Varma II stamp Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England
watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P13 ½ -14.



2 ¼ Annas



3 Annas



6 Annas



12 Annas



1 ½ Rupee

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1923 - Raja Rama Varma II stamp Surcharged over printed by Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.



8 Pies on 9 pies



8 pies on 9 pies
Over print smudged

1925 (April)



10 pies on 9 pies
Over print smudged

1929 surcharged over print



10 pies on 9 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1929 -31 Raja Rama Varma II stamp over printed by Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.
Shade and color variation



4 pies



6 pies



8 pies



10 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

RAJA (MAHARAJA FROM 1921) Rama Varma II, 1914-1932

1929 -31 Raja Rama Varma II stamp over printed by Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.

Shade and color variation



2 Annas



3 Annas



6 Annas

1933 surcharge over printed



6 Pies on 8 pies



6 pies on 10 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1933 -38 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.

Shade and Perf Variation



4 pies



6 pies



1 Anna



1 Annas 8 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1933 -38 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.

Over print straight back to C

Shade and Perf Variation



2 Annas 2 1/4 Annas

Used on cover



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1933 -38 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Recess Perkins, Bacon & company. England watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P14.

Over print straight back to C
Shade and Perf Variation



3 Annas



3 Annas 4 pies



6 Annas 10 pies



10 Annas

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1938 -41 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½.

Over print bold setting



6 pies



1 Anna

Over print G different type



3 Annas

Over print G different type



6 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1938 -41 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½.



4 pies



6 pies

Different Perf



1 Anna



2 Annas



2 ¼ Annas

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1938 -41 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½.

Various over print surcharged on 1 Anna 8 pies



3 pies



9 pies



1 Annas 9 pies



1 Annas 9 pies

1943 – on lithograph stamps of 1938-44 .



3 pies on 4 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1938 -41 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 ½.

1943 – on lithograph stamps of 1938-44



3 pies on 1 Anna



3 pies on 1 Anna



3 pies on 4 pies



3 pies on 1 Anna

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA Rama Varma III, 1932-1941

1938 -41 Maharaja Rama Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P11 and 13.

Over print curved back to C
Shade and Perf variation



4 pies



6 pies



1 Anna



2 Annas



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma II, 1941-1943

1944 Maharaja Kerala Varma II Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 X13 ½.



4pies

Shade variation and overprint G different setting



6 pies

Printing error



2 Annas

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma II, 1941-1943

1944 Maharaja Kerala Varma II Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 X13 ½.

Perf variation and shade variation



2 ¼ Annas



3 Annas

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma II, 1941-1943

1944 Maharaja Kerala Varma II Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 X13 ½.

1944 Various overprint surcharged

Shade and Perf variation



3 pies on 4 pies



3 pies on 4 pies



3 pies on 1 Anna



9 pies on 6 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma II, 1941-1943

1944 Maharaja Kerala Varma II Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 13 X13 ½.

1944 Various overprint surcharged

Shade and Perf Variation



9 Pies on 6 pies



1 Anna 3 pies on 1 Anna



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA RAVI Varma , 1943-1946

1944 Maharaja Ravi Varma Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.

1944 Various overprint surcharged

Shade and Perf Variation



9 pies



1 Anna 3 pies



1 Anna 9 Pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA RAVI Varma , 1943-1946

1944 Maharaja Ravi Varma Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.

1946-48 unissued stamps of Various overprint surcharged

Shade and Perf Variation



3 pies



4 pies



6 pies

Plate crake variety



9 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

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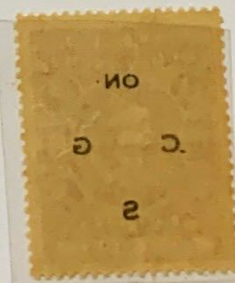
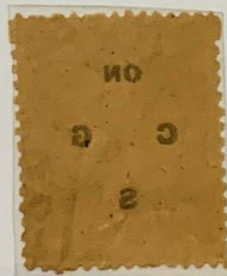
1 Anna 3 pies



1 Anna 9 pies



2 Annas



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma III, 1946-1948

1946- 48 Maharaja Kerala Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.



2pies



4 pies



6 pies



9 pies



2 Annas

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma III, 1946-1948

1946- 48 Maharaja Kerala Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.



2 ¼ Annas



3 Annas



3 Annas 4 pies

ONCGS over Printed both side



3 Annas



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma III, 1946-1948

1946- 48 Maharaja Kerala Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.

Over printed "C" for "G"



3 pies



4 pies



6 pies



9 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

Varties in 6 pies surcharges on 3 pies of Cochin VI Raja Stamps
(SG O103)

Normal Stamp



Incorrect Character



Filled P in PIES



Top of P tapered



Middle line in E
close to top line



പ in രെപ broken



പ in രെപ
incomplete



Thin Malayalam
Characters



Broken S in PIES



Pillar I in SIX



Cut on S & I of SIX
and I in PIES short



Perforation of
stamp shifted
Pass through frame of stamp



COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma III, 1946-1948

1946- 48 Maharaja Kerala Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.

1949 Official stamps overprinted surcharged.

On 1944 Issue



1 Anna on 1 Anna 9 pies

On 1948 Issue



1 Anna on 1 Anna 9 pies

On 1949 Issue



6pies on 3 pies

COCHIN – STATE OFFICIAL STAMPS

MAHARAJA KERALA Varma III, 1946-1948

1946- 48 Maharaja Kerala Varma III Stamp over printed by Litho The Associated Printers, Madras, watermarked small umbrella on each stamp. P 11.

1949 Official stamps overprinted surcharged.



9 pies on 4 pies

1949 After India Independence Cochin stamps were Service over printed



3 Pies on 9 pies