

Q1. Where were these 2016 dated Re. 1 and Rs. 5 coins minted?

A1. Mincovna Kremnica, Slovakia

Q2. How many of the 2016 coins (Re. 1 and Rs. 5) minted?

A2. As per order placed with Mincovna Kremnica, total number of coins ordered from stainless steel Re. 1 and Rs. 5 coins dated 2016 were as follows:

Re. 1 – 75,000,000

Rs. 5 – 135,000,000

Q3. Is it on the new tender called in 2016 Aug. for 2017-18 coins, or a residual of the last tender, minted partly in Finland and then at Royal Mint?

A3. No, it is not part of the coin tender called in August 2016 for 2017-18 or a residual of the tender referred to in your question.

Q4. The CBSL press release (on 13.03.2017) states I quote “ All other specifications including dimensions and designs of the above said coins remain same as of Rupee 1 coin and Rupees 5 coin that have been issued since 2005”.

However, weighing 100 coins of each I find that

The Re.1 coin with average weight of 3.90 +/- 0.016g are 0.25g or 6.8 % heavier and the Rs. 5 coin with average weight of 7.50 +/- 0.034g are 0.20g or 2.6 % lighter than 3.65g and 7.70g weights of 2005 coins given in CBSL Press release of 2005 December 14th.

What is the new average standard weight of these coins?

A4. Average weight of the new coins are as follows;

Re.1 coin - 3.93 g

Rs. 5 coin - 7.50 g