**Niladri Asks:** My DOB is 24th February 1987, TOB is 07:55 AM and POB is Jagatsinghpur, Orissa, India. I am presently wearing a yellow sapphire on the right hand's index finger as suggested by an astrologer. Another astrologer has suggested me to wear a Padparadscha Sapphire to get more benefits. Please suggest which one is best for me, yellow sapphire or Padparadscha sapphire.



**Astrologer Ashutosh:** Niladri! Padparadscha sapphire is called a Padmarag in Sansksrit. This term is used for a pink, an orangish pink, a golden pin or a golden red Sapphire. This gemstone is worn when both Mars and Jupiter are powerful and beneficial in a horoscope. In some horoscopes, Sun's strength and placement is also studied when wearing a Padmarag. It depends on the planets in the horoscope and the colour of the Padparadscha.

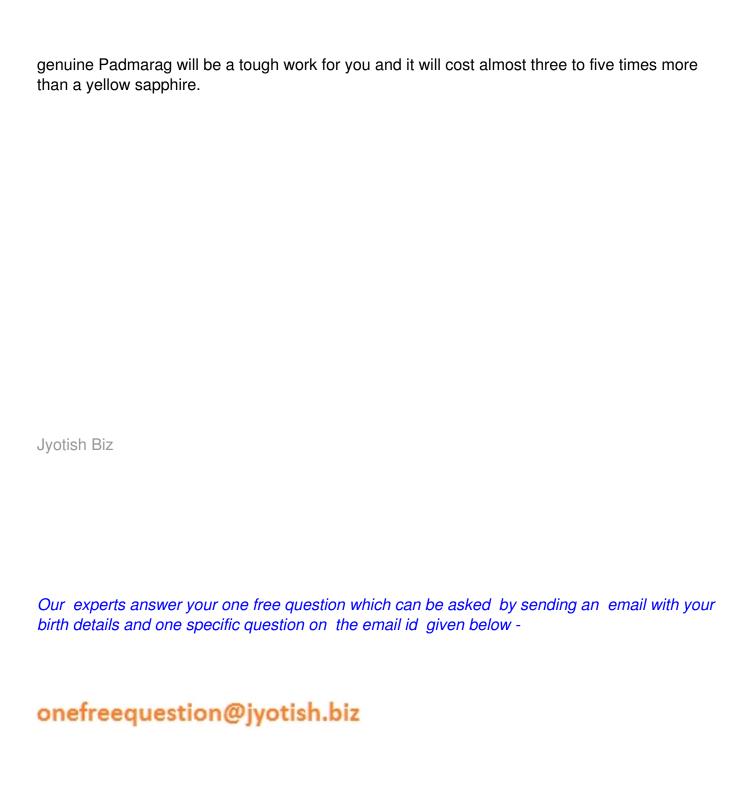
You can find more information about Padmarags and when to wear them in this FAQ - What is Padparadscha?

You were born under Meen (Pisces) ascendant and Dhanu (Sagittarius) moon sign. As of now you are in the antardasha of Shukra in the mahadasha of Chandra. In your horoscope, we have to study only Mars and Jupiter to judge whether you can wear a Padmarag or not.

Both Mars and Jupiter are well placed in your horoscope and they are generally beneficial too for you in terms of health, career, finances and general luck. But, looking at the placement of Mars in the sub-divisional charts we see that it has the potential of giving negative results due to harmful transits or dasha periods.

Therefore, I suggest that you should not wear a Padparadscha. Instead, you should keep wearing the Yellow Sapphire on the index finger and should wear a Sindoori coral for Mars in gold ring on the ring finger. This way, you will be able to remove the coral ring as and when required, when Mars gives short term harms, but will be able to keep wearing the Yellow Sapphire and getting the benefits of Jupiter at the same time.

If you wear a Padmarag in place of Yellow Sapphire then you will ge getting the combined results of both Guru and Mangal. But, you will not be able to stop the effects of Mars and keep getting effects only of Jupiter if such a need arises. Moreover, the Sapphires have so many kinds of treatments being done on them today to artificially enhance their appeal that finding a



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