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AGGS: Aad Guru Granth Sahib. 1983 CE (Reprint). Pp 1430.
Publishers: Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Amritsar.
2. The *Bani* of the Sikh Gurus is cited as follows:
AGGS, M 5, p103.
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The number of the verse as given in the AGGS can be indicated at the end of the verse for easy location on the particular page of the AGGS.
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5. The commencing verse of the AGGS, i. e., written in the beginning of the AGGS and before *Jap*, commonly called as "*Moolmantar*" or "*Manglacharan*" by many Sikhs, cannot be cited under these names as no specific title has been assigned to this verse by Guru Arjan. It is cited as follows:
AGGS, Commencing Verse, p1.

Gurbani in the text should be quoted as:

ਪੀਉ ਦਾਦੇ ਕਾ ਖੋਲਿ ਡਿਠਾ ਖਜਾਨਾ ॥
AGGS, M 5, p185

ਸਿਖੀ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਗੁਰ ਵੀਚਾਰਿ ॥
AGGS, M 1, p465

Example of references:

1. AGGS = Aad Guru Granth Sahib. 1983 (reprint).
Publishers: Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Amritsar. (M = Mahla, i.e., succession number of the Sikh Gurus to the House of Guru Nanak, p = Page of the AGGS).

(For details consult: Chahal, Devinder Singh. 1999. System for referencing Bani from the Granth: The Sikh Holy Scriptures. *Understanding Sikhism-The Research Journal*. Vol. 1(January):
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