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TRIPURA**Mineral Resources**

Natural gas is the most important mineral resource in Tripura located in the Assam Arakan Fold Belt (AAFB) basin. Other minerals of significance found to occur in the State are glass sands, limestone, fireclay, plastic clay, shale and quartz-silica sand used particularly for building/construction purposes (Table-1).

Exploration & Development

No exploration work was carried out by any Central/State agencies during the year 2018-19.

Production

Natural gas (utilised) was the only important mineral item produced in Tripura during 2018-19.

The value of minor minerals' production was estimated at ` 480 lakh for the year 2018-19 (Table-2).

Mineral-based Industry

A 3,000 tpy lime-pozzolana mixture factory has been in operation at Kumarghat in North Tripura district. A 150 tpy glazed pottery unit of Tripura Khadi and Village Industrial Board is also in operation at Anandnagar in Tripura (West) district. M/S DP Group has set up a cold Steel Rolling Plant at Bodhjungnagar Industrial Complex. The State Government is actively wooing private sector investment for establishment of gas-based industries. Besides, Private Sector's involvement in setting up of Ceramic tiles units and other mineral-based industries are also being actively pursued. Private participation in setting up plastic clay and glass sand industries too, is under consideration by the State Government.

Table – 1: Reserves/Resources of Minerals as on 1.4.2015: Tripura

Mineral	Unit	Total reserves (A)	Remaining resources			Total resources (A+B)
			Measured STD331	Inferred STD333	Total (B)	
Fireclay [#]	'000 tonnes	-	1	369	370	370
Quartz-silica sand [#]	'000 tonnes	-	225	264	490	490

Figures rounded off.

Note: The proved and indicated balance recoverable reserve of Petroleum crude and Natural gas in the State as on 01.04.2016 are 0.07 million tonnes and 28.28 billion cu. m, respectively.

[#] Declared as Minor Mineral vide Gazette Notification dated 10.02.2015.

Table – 2 : Mineral Production in Tripura, 2016-17 to 2018-19 (Excluding Atomic Minerals)

(Value in `'000)

Mineral	Unit	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (P)	
		Qty	Value ^{\$}	Qty	Value ^{\$}	Qty	Value ^{\$}
All Minerals		-	37793	-	37951	-	47953
Natural Gas (ut.) m c m		-	1430	-	1440	-	1552
Minor Minerals		-	37793	-	37951	-	47953

^{\$} Excludes the value of Fuel minerals.