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Preface

The National Mineral Inventory (NMI) is an important activity as per Charter of Functions of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). This activity was initiated in 1968 and accordingly, preparation of inventory of 34 important minerals was taken up in 1971. Subsequently, from 1980 onwards, updation of NMI was taken up quinquennially, with inclusion of various other minerals periodically. The present publication is for NMI as on 1.4.2015 for 71 minerals.

The publication provides reserves/ resources of minerals as per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), which has been adopted by this activity in NMI as on 1.4.2005. The reserves/ resources data of minerals have been provided in tabular format with elaborate depictions of mineral-wise distribution of resources in different states and vice versa, duly indicated with codes and terminologies as per UNFC.

This publication is based on the output of NMI Data-base maintained by IBM through joint efforts of its 'Mineral Economics' and 'Mineral Development & Regulation' Divisions. The data for NMI is collected from different agencies engaged in exploration & exploitation of mineral resources, both in Central and respective State Governments, as well as public & private sectors.

Out of the 71 minerals in NMI as on 1.4.2015, resources have been estimated for 70 minerals. In case of remaining one mineral viz. Alexandrite, only potential areas have been identified. Further, one mineral namely, 'Rare Earth Elements' (REE) was also included in NMI. It is believed that the publication would meet the objectives & expectations of all concerned.

Indian Bureau of Mines is thankful to all the agencies concerned, for their invaluable support and timely supply of requisite data. The new edition will be handy to users and will provide a quick and broad scenario of national mineral resources. Further, IBM is open to any suggestion or feedback that could contribute to the improvement of the publication.

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