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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

During 2014-15, National Oil Companies (NOC) continued their operations for exploration of oil and gas in the state.

Production

The value of mineral production in 2014-15 at ₹ 946 crore increased 39% as compared to the previous year. Natural gas (utilised), the only mineral item produced in the state, accounted for

almost entire value of mineral production (Table-2).

The value of production of minor minerals was estimated at ₹ 292 lakh for the year 2014-15.

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 Bodhjunnagar 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 1.4.2010 : 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 01.04.2015 are 0.07 million tonnes and 41.75 billion cu m, respectively.

Declared as minor mineral vide Gazette notification dated 10.02.2015.

**Table – 2: Mineral Production in Tripura, 2012-13 to 2014-15
(Excluding Atomic Minerals)**

(Value in ₹ '000)							
Mineral	Unit	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (P)	
		Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
All Minerals			5379953		6827225		9457126
Natural Gas (ut.) m c m	647		5350773	822	6798045	1140	9427946
Minor Minerals [@]	-		29180	-	29180	-	29180

Note: The number of mines for natural gas (utilised) and minor minerals is not available.

@ Figures for earlier years have been repeated as estimates, wherever necessary, because of non-receipt of data.