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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).

Production

The value of mineral production in 2012-13 at ₹538 crore increased 15% 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 production value of minor minerals was estimated at ₹292 lakh for the year 2012-13.

The index of mineral production in Tripura (base 1993-94 =100) was 130.4 during 2012-13 as compared to 129.8 in the previous year.

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. 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.

Resources of Petroleum crude and Natural gas in the State are included in Assam and are not available separately.

Table – 2 : Mineral Production in Tripura, 2010-11 to 2012-13 (Excluding Atomic Minerals)

(Value in ₹'000)

Mineral	Unit	2010-11			2011-12			2012-13 (P)		
		No. of mines	Qty	Value	No. of mines	Qty	Value	No. of mines	Qty	Value
All Minerals		-		3930818	-		4661677	-		5379953
Natural Gas (ut.)	m c m	-	610	3904610	-	644	4632497	-	647	5350773
Minor Minerals@		-	-	26208	-	-	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.