## 3.1 ANTIMONY

#### Introduction

Antimony is a strategic metal. Stibnite (Sb<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, Sb 71.4%) is the predominant ore of antimony. Antimony in its elemental form is a silver-white, brittle, crystalline, solid metal that exhibits poor electrical and heat conductivity properties. Commercial forms of antimony are generally ingots, broken pieces, granular or cast cake. Estimates of abundance of antimony in earth's crust range from 0.2 to 0.5 parts per million. Antimony ores occur both in deposits associated with volcanic rocks and also more deep-seated veins formed under moderate to high temperatures and pressure. The metal is obtained commonly as a by-product in lead-zinc-silver smelting. The entire requirement of antimony in the country is met through imports of its ore and concentrates.

### **Basis of Grade Classification**

The chief ore of antimony is stibnite  $(Sb_2S_3, Sb\ 71.4\%)$ . It is more commonly obtained as a byproduct in lead-zinc-silver mines. The resources have been classified as Ore and Metal.

### **Basis of Categorisation of Resources**

As per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), the resources are classified into 'reserves' and

'remaining resources'. According to norms of this system reserves of antimony has been placed under probable (122) category and the remaining resources of antimony has been placed under pre-feasibility (222) and inferred (333) categories.

# **Salient Features of the Inventory**

The total resources of antimony in the country as on 01.04.2020 are placed at 18,683 tonnes ore and 254.92 tonnes metal. These resources have been estimated in two deposit; one each located in Lahaul and Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh & Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh.

All India resources of antimony ore and metal as on 01.04.2020 vis-a-vis 01.04.2015 are given in Tables - 1 to 2. It is noticed in NMI 2020 that the resources of antimony ore and metal increased by 8095 tonnes and 80.92 tonnes respectively due to reporting of one new leasehold private deposit in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh. As regards the earlier freehold deposit in Lahaul & Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, resources remain unchanged in inferred (333) category. The deposit in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh has probable reserves (122) amounting 7503 of ore tonnes with 75 tonnes of metal and pre-feasibility resources (222) amounting 592 tonnes of ore with 5.92 tonnes of metal.

Table – 2: Total Resources of Antimony as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By States)

			(In Tonnes)
State	Tota	l Resources	Net Change
	As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
All India : Total			
Ore	18,683	10,588	(+)8,095
Metal	254.92	174	(+)80.92
Himachal Pradesh			
Ore	10,588	10,588	No Change
Metal	174	174	No Change
Madhya Pradesh			
Ore	8,095	-	(+)8,095
Metal	80.92	-	(+)80.92

Table - 1: Reserves/Resources of Antimony as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By Lease Status/Grade)

									(In Tonnes)
-F G/		Reserves		Re	Remaining resources		L	Total resources	
Lease status/Grade	01.04.2020	01.04.2020 01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change	Net change 01.04.2020 01.04.2015	01.04.2015	Net change
All India : Total Ore	7,503		(+) 7,503	11,180	10,588	(+) 592	18,683	10,588	(+) 8,095
Metal	75		(+) 75	179.92	174	(+) 5.92	254.92	174	(+) 80.92
Freehold									
Ore	1	1	1	10,588	10,588	No Change	10,588	10,588	No Change
Metal	ı	1	1	174	174	No Change	174	174	No Change
Leasehols (Private)									
Ore	7,503	1	(+) 7,503	592	1	(+) 592	8,095	•	(+) 8,095
Metal	7.5	1	(+) 75	5.92	1	(+) 5.92	80.92	1	(+) 80.92

figures rounded off.

Table -3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Antimony as on 01.04.2020

(In Tonnes)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India : Total				
Ore		7,503	11,180	18,683
Metal		75	179.92	254.92
Himachal Pradesh				
Ore		-	10,588	10,588
Metal		-	174	174
	Lahaul & Spiti			
	Ore	-	10,588	10,588
	Metal	-	174	174
Madhya Pradesh				
Ore		7,503	592	8,095
Metal		75	5.92	80.92
	Damoh			
	Ore	7,503	592	8,095
	Metal	7.5	5.92	80.92

## 3.2 BAUXITE

#### Introduction

Bauxite is basically an aluminous rock containing hydrated aluminium oxide as the main constituent with varying proportion of iron oxide, silica, titania and other impurities like phosphorous pentoxide and vanadium pentoxide. It is an essential ore of aluminium metal. Hydrated aluminium oxides present in the bauxite ore are gibbsite (Al $_2$ O $_3$ .3H $_2$ O), boehmite (Al $_2$ O $_3$ .H $_2$ O - alpha monohydrate) and diaspore (Al $_2$ O $_3$ .H $_2$ O - beta monohydrate).

Bauxite deposits occur as blanket, beds and lenses, pockets or irregular and detrital. The deposits of bauxite according to their mode of formation may be classified into two main types i.e. lateritic type and terra-rossa type. Indian bauxite deposits are formed from weathering of deccan trap basalt, archaean felspathic gneisses and granulites, etc.

Bauxite is the only mineral raw material from which aluminium is extracted economically. Its other important uses are in manufacture of refractory material, chemicals and abrasives. Low grade bauxite finds use in small proportion in cement industry and high grade bauxite is used as fluxing material in steel melting shop, ferroalloy industries, petroleum refineries, etc.

## **Basis of Grade Classification**

The grade classification adopted in the inventory as on 01.04.2020 is based on the report of the Expert Committee to review the classification of Minerals with regards to their Optimum Industrial Use (September, 2004). As per the recommendation of the committee, the specification for alumina and silica content has been revised downward for bauxite being used for metallurgical purpose. A limit of 35 to 40% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> has been defined for bauxite to categorise it as low grade ore

## **Basis of categorisation of Resources**

As per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), total resources are broadly classified into 'reserves' and 'remaining resources' category.

According to the norms of this system, reserves of bauxite have been placed under proved (111) and probable (121) & (122) categories.

### **Basis of Grade Classification**

1.	Metallurgical Grade a) Metallurgical Grade - I (Predominantly Trihydrate)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Reactive Silica Total Silica	(+) 40% 2.8 % (max) 4% (max)
	b) Metallurgical grade - II (Mixture of trihydrate and monohydrate)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Total Silica	(+) 40% 4% (max)
2.	Refractory Grade	$Al_2O_3$ $Fe_2O_3$ $CaO$ $TiO_2$	55% (min) 4.5% (max) 1.5% (max) 6% (max)
3.	Abrasive grade	$Al_2O_3$ $SiO_2$	45% (min) 1% (max)
4.	Chemical grade	$Al_2O_3$ $Fe_2O_3$	58% (min) 2.5% (max)
5.	Low Grade	$Al_2O_3$ $SiO_2$	35 to 40% 10% (max)

- 6. Chemical/refractory mixed grade
- 7. Metallurgical mixed grade
- 8. Mixed grade excluding chemical and refractory
- 9. Others Estimation for marketable grades which could not be classified into above grades
- 10. Unclassified Minimum and maximum ranges of chemical constituents are too wide to be classified into any of the above grade.
- 11. Not Known Information on chemical constituents is not available or potential/actual use is not reported.
- 12. Beneficiable Aluminous laterite Al $_2$ O $_3$  20% (min)
  Bauxite Al $_2$ O $_3$  30% (min)
  Silica reactive 5% (max.)

The remaining resources have been placed under feasibility (211), pre-feasibility (221) & (222), measured (331), indicated (332), inferred (333) and reconnaissance (334) categories.

#### **Salient Features of Inventory**

The total resources of bauxite in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at 4,958 million tonnes. These resources include about 646 million tonnes (13%) reserves and 4,312 million tonnes (87%) remaining resources. Out of the total resources, about 74% are in freehold areas and remaining 26% in leasehold areas.

All India scenario of bauxite reserves, remaining resources and total resources as on 01.04.2020 vis-a-vis 01.04.2015 have been given in Tables - 1 and 2. The tables give an idea about the changes in terms of increase or decrease of resources as per lease status, grades and state. In Table - 3, district wise reserves/resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

The country is endowed with huge quantities of metallurgical grade bauxite with resources of 3,931 million tonnes, about 79% of the total resources. Out of the total metallurgical grade, about 80% is metallurgical- I, 16% metallurgical - II and remaining 4% is metallurgical mixed grade.

The total resources of metallurgical grade-I bauxite has been increased by 772 million tonnes, metallurgical mixed grade by 29 million tonnes whereas metallurgical grade-II decreased by 14 million tonnes as compared to earlier inventory.

Although metallurgical grades bauxite is reported from almost all the states in the country, the major resources of metallurgical grades are concentrated in seven states namely, Odisha (1727 million tonnes), Chhattisgarh (913 million tonnes), Andhra Pradesh (615 million tonnes), Jharkhand (193 million tonnes), Gujarat (140 million tonnes), Maharashtra (138 million tonnes), Madhya Pradesh (118 million tonnes). They together account for 98% of the total metallurgical grades bauxite of the country. However, the resources of chemical, refractory and abrasive grades bauxite are very limited. The resources of abrasive grade bauxite have been mainly reported from Gujarat (1.9 million tonnes), chemical grade from Gujarat (15.1 million tonnes) and Maharashtra (3.9 million tonnes) and refractory grade from Gujarat (80.6 million tonnes), Chhattisgarh (44.8 million tonnes), Madhya Pradesh (7 million tonnes) and Jharkhand (4.5 million tonnes).

State wise, Odisha continued to have the largest share of 2,057 million tonnes (41%) of all India resources, followed by Chhattisgarh 993 million tonnes (20%), Andhra Pradesh 615 million tonnes (12%), Gujarat 397 million tonnes (8%), Jharkhand 289 million

tonnes (6%), Maharashtra 232 million tonnes (5%), and Madhya Pradesh 186 million tonnes (4%). The balance 188 million tonnes (4%) resources are accounted together by nine states viz Meghalaya, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan.

An overall increase of 1061 million tonnes of bauxite resources have been recorded in current NMI as compared to earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015.

During the five year span of National Mineral Inventory (NMI) i.e., from 01.04.2015 to 01.04.2020, thirty three new freehold and ten new private leasehold deposits were added. This has resulted in addition of about 981 million tonnes of resources in freehold and about 96 million tonnes of resources in private leasehold areas.

During the preparation of NMI as on 01.04.2020 it is observed that due to realignment of districts in Gujarat almost all deposits which were earlier in Jamnagar district are now placed in Devbhumi Dwarka district and a few deposits in Sabarkantha district have been placed in Aravali district. This has resulted in depletion of resources in Jamnagar district and equivalent increase in resources of Devbhumi Dwarka district and similarly depletion in Sarbarkantha district & equivalent increase in Aravali district.

Of the total increase in resources of bauxite reported in current inventory, about 97% is accounted by four states namely Chattisgarh (77%), Odisha (6%), Jharkhand & Maharashtra (5% each) and Gujarat (4%). In Chattisgarh, an increase of about 819 million tonnes resources recorded due to addition of 9 new freehold deposits and re-estimation in resources of existing both freehold & leasehold deposits. Odisha state reported an overall increase of about 62 million tonnes resources mainly due to addition of 10 new freehold deposits and re-assessment of resources of existing freehold and leasehold deposits. In Jharkhand and Maharashtra, an increase of 50 million tonnes and 48 million tonnes resources have been reported due to addition of new 7 freehold & one leasehold and 3 freehold & 7 leasehold deposits, respectively. Besides, the re-assessment of resources in existing freehold and leasehold deposits also contributed in the increase of resources of these states. In Gujarat an increase of about 46 million tonnes resources reported in NMI 2020 due to addition of new two freehold deposits and also due to re-assessment of resources in existing leasehold deposits. The remaining increase of about 36 million tonnes (3%) is accounted by the states of Goa and Madhya Pradesh (13 million tonnes each), Kerala (5 million tonnes), Meghalaya (4 million tonnes) & Karnataka (one million tonnes). A negligible quantity of resources decreased in Tamil Nadu.

Table - 1: Reserves/Resources of Bauxite as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By Lease Status/Grade)

- Ç		Reserves		Re	Remaining resources	ces	T	Total resources	
Lease status/Grade	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change
All India : Total	646,493	656,422	(-)9,929	4,311,754	3,240,442	(+)1,071,312	4,958,248	3,896,864	(+)1,061,384
Chemical	6,639	968'9	(-)257	15,405	13,393	(+)2,012	22,044	20,289	(+)1,755
Refractory	42,363	67,158	(-)24,795	100,709	77,870	(+)22,839	143,072	145,027	(-)1,955
Chemical/Retractory Mixed with others	1,575	4,426	(-)2,851	24,786	15,278	(+)9,508	26,362	19,704	(+)6,658
Metallurgical – 1	507,527	439,093	(+)68,434	2,645,493	1,942,349	(+)703,144	3,153,020	2,381,442	(+)771,578
Metallurgical – 2	37,100	45,296	(-)8,196	585,786	592,016	(-)6,230	622,886	637,312	(-)14,426
Metallurgical mixed	8,783	15,080	(-)6,297	146,366	111,518	(+)34,848	155,149	126,598	(+)28,551
Low	26,649	40,816	(-)14,167	521,473	281,922	(+)239,551	548,122	322,738	(+)225,384
Mixed Orade excluding Chemical/Refractory	8,403	19,225	(-)10,822	66,576	44,092	(+)22,484	74,979	63,317	(+)11,662
Abrasive	1	721	(-)721	3,076	2,906	(+)170	3,076	3,627	(-)551
Others	4,047	11,685	(-)7,638	43,257	24,435	(+)18,822	47,304	36,120	(+)11,184
Unclassified	2,576	5,789	(-)3,213	57,500	57,540	(-)40	60,076	63,329	(-)3,253
Not Known	1	236	(-)236	22,276	22,027	(+)249	22,276	22,263	(+)13
Beneficiable	832	ı	(+)832	79,050	55,096	(+)23,954	79,883	55,096	(+)24,787
Freehold	•		•	3,648,349	2,533,979	(+)1,114,369	3,648,349	2,533,979	(+)1,114,369
Chemical	1	ı	1	12,272	12,272	No change	12,272	12,272	No change
Refractory	ı	ı	1	18,956	18,956	No change	18,956	18,956	No change
Mixed with others	1	ı	ı	12,102	12,765	(-)963	12,102	12,765	(-)963

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Table-1 (Contd.)

		Reserves		Re	Remaining resources	S	Tc	Total resources	
Lease status/Grade	01.04.2020 01.04.2015	1.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change
Metallurgical - 1	,	ı	ı	2,354,134	1,525,314	(+)828,820	2,354,134	1,525,314	(+)828,820
Metallurgical - 2	•	ı	1	493,697	529,762	(-)36,065	493,697	529,762	(-)36,065
Metallurgical mixed	•	ı	1	127,992	103,032	(+)24,960	127,992	103,032	(+)24,960
Low	•	ı	1	459,127	243,350	(+)215,777	459,127	243,350	(+)215,777
Mixed Grade excluding Chemical/Refractory		ı	1	29,436	29,436	No change	29,436	29,436	No change
Abrasive	•	ı	ı	2,392	2,392	No change	2,392	2,392	No change
Others	•	ı	ı	13,454	13,454	No change	13,454	13,454	No change
Unclassified	•	ı	ı	24,922	21,676	(+)3,246	24,922	21,676	(+)3,246
Not Known	'	ı	ı	21,570	21,570	No change	21,570	21,570	No change
Beneficiable	1	ı	ı	78,294		(+)78,294	78,294	1	(+)78,294
Leasehold (Private)	439,602	493,549	(-)53,946	537,977	433,382	(+)104,595	977579	926931	(+)50645
Chemical	6,639	968'9	(-)257	3,133	1,121	(+)2,012	9,772	8,018	(+)1,754
Refractory	42,363	67,158	(-)24,795	81,753	58,914	(+)22,839	124,116	126,072	(-)1,956
Chemical/Refractory Mixed with others	1,575	4,426	(-)2,851	12,684	1,836	(+)10,848	14,259	6,262	766,7(+)
Metallurgical - 1	301,770	276,771	(+)24,999	172,813	220,397	(-)47,584	474,583	497,167	(-)22,584
Metallurgical - 2	36,798	45,296	(-)8,498	87,804	57,610	(+)30,194	124,602	102,907	(+)21,695
Metallurgical mixed	8,783	15,080	(-)6,297	18,374	8,486	(+)6,888	27,157	23,566	(+)3,591
Low	26,649	40,816	(-)14,167	61,188	37,414	(+)23,774	87,836	78,230	909,6(+)
Mixed Grade excluding Chemical/Refractory	8,403	19,225	(-)10,822	37,140	14,656	(+)22,484	45,542	33,881	(+)11,661 (Contd.)

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Table-1 (Concld.)

figures rounded off.

Beneficiable

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Low Others

Metallurgical - 1 Metallurgical - 2

Chemical/Refractory Mixed with others Of the total resources of bauxite, about 2,229 million tonnes (45%) have been estimated under inferred & reconnaissance categories. These resources are based on a limited and preliminary exploration. If these resources are examined for further detailed exploration, the confidence level of resource position of bauxite in the country may improve.

A total 965 deposits of bauxite have been covered in National Mineral Inventory as on 01.04.2020, of which 608 deposits are in freehold areas and 357 deposits in leasehold areas (Public leasehold 41 and private leasehold 316).

Table – 2: Total Resources of Bauxite as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By States)

(In '000 Tonnes)

			(In ooo Tonnes,
State	Total Ro	esources	Net Change
	As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
All India: Total	4,958,248	3,896,864	(+) 1,061,384
Andhra Pradesh	615,267	615,267	No Change
Bihar	4,114	4,114	No Change
Chhattisgarh	992,555	173,755	(+) 818,800
Goa	67,857	55,168	(+) 12,689
Gujarat	397,027	350,581	(+) 46,446
Jammu & Kashmir	2,725	2,725	No Change
Jharkhand	289,244	239,061	(+) 50,183
Karnataka	46,449	45,635	(+) 814
Kerala	19,449	14,096	(+) 5,353
Madhya Pradesh	186,259	173,388	(+) 12,871
Maharashtra	232,430	184,574	(+) 47,856
Meghalaya	4,300	-	(+) 4,300
Odisha	2,057,024	1,994,574	(+) 62,450
Rajasthan	528	528	No Change
Tamil Nadu	24,112	24,491	(-) 379
Uttar Pradesh	18,908	18,908	No Change

Table - 3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Bauxite as on 01.04.2020

(In '000 Tonnes)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India : Total		646,493	4,311,754	4,958,248
Andhra Pradesh		, -	615,267	615,267
	Godavari (East)	-	44,696	44,696
	Visakhapatnam	-	5,70,571	5,70,571
Bihar		-	4,114	4,114
	Monghyr	-	1,514	1,514
	Rohtas	-	2,600	2,600
Chhattisgarh		23,695	968,860	992,555
	Balrampur	12,085	8,201	20,286
	Bastar	-	4 1	4 1
	Bilaspur	-	4,412	4,412
	Dantewara	-	483	483
	Jashpur	-	765,844	765,844
	Kabirdham	2,848	34,727	37,575
	Kanker	-	47,065	47,065
	Kondagaon	-	988	988
	Korba	-	1,386	1,386
	Raigarh	-	3,950	3,950
	Surguja	8,762	101,763	110,525
Goa		9,613	58,244	67,857
	North Goa	-	10,440	10,440
	South Goa	9,613	47,804	57,417
Gujarat		101,230	295,797	397,027
	Amreli	1,846	194	2,040
	Aravali	47	568	614
	Bhavnagar	-	638	638
	Devbhoomi Dwarka	71,126	160,842	231,968
	Jamnagar	-	22,847	22,847
	Junagarh	-	18785	18785
	Kheda	2,563	4,396	6,959
	Kutch	24,053	58,335	82,389
	Porbandar	1,595	7,988	9,584
	Sabarkantha	-	20,820	20,820
	Valsad	-	384	384
Jammu & Kashmir		-	2,725	2,725
	Udhampur	-	2,725	2,725
Jharkhand		39,972	249,272	289,244
	Dumka	-	12,830	12,830
	Godda	-	4860	4860
	Gumla	27,496	1,74,118	2,01,614
	Latehar	1,058	7,895	8,953
	Lohardaga	9,442	45,136	54,578
	Palamau	1,976	4,434	6,409

Table-3 (Concld.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Karnataka		5,207	41,242	46,449
	Belgaum	5,207	3,559	8,766
	Chikmagalur	-	200	200
	North Kanara	-	19,687	19,687
	South Kanara	-	16,637	16,637
	Udupi	-	1,158	1,158
Kerala		-	19,449	19,449
	Kannur	-	7,620	7,620
	Kasargod	-	7,223	7,223
	Kollam	-	2,838	2,838
	Thiruvananthapura	m -	1,768	1,768
Madhya Pradesh		18,564	167,695	186,259
	Anuppur	4,885	872	5,757
	Balaghat	-	22,850	22,850
	Guna	-	49	49
	Jabalpur	2,117	5,532	7,649
	Katni	5,975	51,298	57,273
	Mandla	-	23,755	23,755
	Rewa	80	37,301	37,380
	Satna	4,052	19,882	23,935
	Shahdol	914	5,697	6,611
	Shivpuri		30	30
	Sidhi	541	419	960
	Vidisha	-	10	10
Maharashtra		38,472	193,958	232,430
	Kolhapur	13,261	91,626	104,887
	Raigad	11,213	43,788	55,001
	Ratnagiri	13,998	33,683	47,681
	Satara	-	22,110	22,110
	Sindhudurg	-	1,451	1,451
	Thana (Thane)	-	1,300	1,300
Meghalaya		-	4,300	4,300
	Khasi Hills West	-	4,300	4,300
Odisha		409,740	1,647,284	2,057,024
	Bargarh	· -	129,850	129,850
	Bolangir	-	25,294	25,294
	Kalahandi	-	397,122	397,122
	Kandhamal	-	43,600	43,600
	Keonjhar	-	58,540	58,540
	Koraput	239,310	547,766	787,076
	Malkangiri	-	17,000	17,000
	Nawapara	-	2,000	2,000
	Raygada	169,794	396,683	566,477
	Sundargarh	636	29,429	30,065
Rajasthan		-	528	528
	Kota	-	528	528
Tamil Nadu		-	24,112	24,112
	Dindigul	=	1,119	1,119
	Namakkal	=	6,419	6,419
	Nilgiris	-	14,881	14,881
	Salem	-	1,693	1,693
Uttar Pradesh		-	18,908	18,908
	Banda	-	14,408	14,408
	Lalitpur	-	4,000	4,000
	Varanasi	-	500	500

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## 3.3 COPPER

#### Introduction

Copper is an important non-ferrous metal having wide range industrial applications. The domestic demand of copper and its alloys is met through domestic production, recycling of scrap and by imports. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), a public sector undertaking, is the only integrated producer of primary copper in India. Other two primary producers of copper, viz HINDALCO (Unit of Birla Copper) and Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd., imports copper concentrates for feeding their smelters. They have their smelters located at Dahej, Bharuch district, Gujarat and Tuticorin in coastal Tamil Nadu, respectively. India, however is not self-sufficient in resources of copper ore.

Copper mineralisation occurs in a number of states but major and commercial deposits are located in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Odisha.

### **Basis of Grade Classification**

The copper ore resources are classified on the basis of total metal content i.e. copper. On this basis, grade wise classification is made as follows:

- 1. Ore with 1.85% Cu and above
- 2. Ore with 1.0% to (-)1.85% Cu
- 3. Ore with 0.5 to (-) 1.0% Cu
- 4. Ore with (-) 0.5% Cu.

## **Basis of Categorisation of Resources**

As per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), the total resources are broadly classified into 'reserves' and 'remaining resources' category.

According to norms of this system, 'reserves' of copper ore and corresponding metal has been placed under proved (111) and probable (121) and (122) categories.

The remaining resources have been placed under feasibility (211), pre-feasibility (221) & (222), measured (331), indicated (332), inferred (333) and reconaissance (334) categories.

## **Salient Features of the Inventory**

The total resources of copper ore in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at 1660.87 million tonnes with about 12.19 million tonnes of copper metal. Of these,

163.89 million tonnes (9.86%) fall under reserve category containing 2.16 million tonnes of copper metal and the balance 1496.97 million tonnes (90.13%) are remaining resources containing 10.03 million tonnes of copper metal.

All India scenario of copper ore and metal reserves, remaining resources and total resources as on 01.04.2020 vis-a-vis 01.04.2015 have been given in Tables

- 1 and 2. The tables give an idea about the significant changes in terms of increase or decrease of resources as per lease status, grade and states. In Table-3 districtwise reserves/ resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

Of the total resources, the share of Public Sector is 36.15%, Private Sector 1.5% and quantities estimated in freehold areas are 62.30%.

By grades, of the total resources, 8.28 million tonnes (0.50%) comprise ore containing 1.85% Cu and above, 586.79 million tonnes (35.33%) of ore with 1% to below 1.85% Cu, 797.91 million tonnes (48.04%) of ore with 0.5% to (-)1% Cu and 267.88 million tonnes (16.12%) of ore with (-) 0.5% Cu.

Of the three major states, Rajasthan is credited with 867.85 million tonnes ore (52.25%) containing 4.64 million tonnes copper, Madhya Pradesh 386.66 million tonnes ore (23.28%), containing 3.67 million tonnes copper, Jharkhand 251.46 million tonnes ore (15.14%), containing 2.78 million tonnes copper and the rest 9.33% are accounted for by other states namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

All India resources under 'remaining resources' category increased by 193.25 million tonnes. However, total resources under 'reserves' category recorded a decrease of 43.88 million tonnes.

Of the total increase of ore resources, 140.20 million tonnes comprise of ore containing ore with (+) 0.5% Cu to below 1% Cu and 80.29 million tonnes ore containing ore with (-)0.5% Cu. However, 71.13 million tonnes of ore containing ore with 1.0% Cu to below 1.85% Cu recorded decrease in resources in the inventory as on 01.04.2020 as compared to 01.04.2015.

An overall increase of about 149.37 million tonnes in ore resources with 38.94 thousand tonnes of metal recorded in comparison to the earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015. A total of 27 new freehold deposits having comulative resources of 117.50 million tonnes ore containing 508.43 thousand tonnes metal has been reported in the inventory as on 01.04.2020.

In Rajasthan, a net increase of 54.52 million tonnes of ore containing 0.16 million tonnes metal resources is recorded mainly due to addition of 9 freehold deposits having 81.92 million tonnes ore containing 0.31 million tonnes metal. However, downward revision of resources has been reported in leasehold public sector deposits. The freehold deposits are reported from Jhunjhunu and Sikar districts.

In Haryana, an increase of 0.02 million tonnes ore with 0.0065 million tonnes metal has been recorded due to inclusion of 04 new deposits in freehold catagory.

In Madhya Pradesh, an increase of 103.24 million tonnes ore with 0.25 million tonnes metal is reported mainly due to upward revision of resources in Malanjkhand deposit, Balaghat district.

In Maharashtra, resources has been increased by 3.37 million tonnes ore containing 0.020 million tonnes of metal due inclusion of 2 new deposits in the present inventory.

In Karnataka, an increase of 6.84 million tonnes of ore with 0.02 million tonnes of metal has been recorded due to addition of one new freehold deposit.

In Odisha, a net increase of 5.94 million tonnes of ore with .03 million tonnes of metal attributed due to upward revision of resources in one existing deposit.

In Jharkhand, a decrease of 43.92 million tonnes of ore with 0.50 million tonnes of metal reported due to re-estimation of resources in 3 leasehold (Public) deposits.

As compared to inventory as on 01.04.2015, a decrease of 43.88 million tonnes in reserves and an increase of 193.25 million tonnes in remaining resources categories have been recorded as on 01.04.2020.

Of the total resources of copper ore, about 784 million tonnes (47%) resources have been estimated under inferred and reconaissance categories. These resources are based on a very limited and preliminary exploration. If these areas are examined for further detailed exploration, the confidence level of resource position of copper ore in the country may improve.

In the inventory as on 01.04.2020, total 179 deposits have been covered, of which 164 deposits are in freehold areas and 15 deposits in leasehold areas (Public 14 deposits and Private 01 deposit).

Table - 1: Reserves/Resources of Copper as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By Lease Status/Grade)

Total Ore with (-)0.5% c. u   20,754 C   -)43,876    -)406,979    -)43,433    -)44,433    -)44,434 C   -)44,431    -)44,431										
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	Ore with (-) 0.5% Cu	ı	1	No change	25,714	25,714	No change	25,714	25,714	No change

figures rounded off.

 $Table-2\ :\ Total\ Resources\ of\ Copper\ as\ on\ 01.04.2020\ \ vis-\grave{a}\mbox{-}vis\ 01.04.2015} \endaligned (By\ States)$ 

(In '000 Tonnes)

State	Total R	esources	Net Change
			Tier change
	As on 01.04.220	As on 01.04.2015	
All India : Total			
Ore	1,660,870	1,511,498	(+)149,372
Metal	12,197.09	12,158.15	(+)38.94
Andhra Pradesh			
Ore	7,582	7,582	No Change
Metal	113.7	113.7	No Change
Arunachal Pradesh			
Ore	1 0	1 0	No Change
Metal	0.02	0.02	No Change
Gujarat			
Ore	12,613	14,120	(-)1,507
Metal	200.74	209.96	(-)9.22
Haryana			( ) 20 000
Ore	53,816	32,908	(+)20,908
Metal	179.01	113.62	(+)65.39
Jharkhand	251 462	205 280	( 42 026
Ore Metal	251,463	295,389 3,275.4	(-43,926
Karnataka	2,779.66	3,273.4	(-)495.74
Ore Ore	41 400	34 665	(1)6 824
	41,499	34,665 229.5	(+)6,834
Metal	245.86	229.3	(+)16.36
Madhya Pradesh	296.665	292 420	(1)102 226
Ore	386,665	283,429	(+)103,236
Metal Maharashtra	3,666.86	3,418.5	(+)248.36
	17.755	14.200	(1)2.265
Ore Matal	17,755 158.08	14,390 137.67	(+)3,365
Metal Meghalaya	138.08	137.67	(+)20.41
Ore	880	880	No Change
Metal	9	9	No Change
Nagaland	9	9	No Change
Ore	2,000	2,000	No Change
Metal	15	15	
Odisha	1 3	1 3	No Change
Ore	11,991	6,051	(+)5 040
Metal	97.03	63.44	(+)5,940
Rajasthan	97.03	03.44	(+)33.59
Ore	867,849	813,327	(+)54,522
Metal	4,635.6	4,475.81	(+)159.79
Sikkim	4,033.0	4,473.61	(+)139.79
Ore	958	958	No Change
Metal	21.47	21.47	No Change
Tamil Nadu	21.4/	21.4/	No Change
Ore	790	790	No Change
Metal	3.81	3.81	No Change
Telangana	5.01	3.01	110 Change
Ore	666	666	No Change
Metal	9.12	9.12	No Change
Uttarakhand	7.12	7.12	110 Change
Ore	4,220	4,220	No Change
Metal	60.04	60.04	No Change
West Bengal	00.04	30.04	110 Change
Ore Ore	113	113	No Change
Metal	2.09	2.09	No Change

Table - 3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Copper as on 01.04.2020

(In '000 Tonnes)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India : Total				
Ore		163,891	1,496,979	1,660,870
Metal		2,161.57	10,035.52	12,197.09
Andhra Pradesh				
Ore		=	7,582	7,582
Metal		-	113.7	113.7
	Guntur			
	Ore	-	3,102	3,102
	Metal	-	43.62	43.62
	Kurnool			
	Ore	-	1,340	1,340
	Metal	-	12.93	12.93
	Prakasam (Ongole	H.Q)		
	Ore	-	3,140	3,140
	Metal	-	57.15	57.15
Arunachal Pradesh				
Ore		-	10	10
Metal		-	0.02	0.02
	East Kameng			
	Ore	-	1 0	10
	Metal	-	0.02	0.02
Gujarat				
Ore		-	12,613	12,613
Metal		-	200.74	200.74
	Banaskantha			
	Ore	-	12,613	12,613
	Metal	-	200.74	200.74
Haryana				
Ore		-	53,816	53,816
Metal		-	179.01	179.01
	Bhiwani			
	Ore	-	2,230	2,230
	Metal	-	11.82	11.82
	Mahendragarh			
	Ore	-	51,586	51,586
	Metal	-	167.19	167.19
Jharkhand				
Ore		9,150	242,313	251,463
Metal		107.45	2,672.21	2,779.66
				(Contd.)

Table-3 (Contd.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Hazaribagh			
	Ore	-	571	571
	Metal	-	13.19	13.19
	Singhbhum (East)			
	Ore	9,150	241,742	250,892
	Metal	107.45	2,659.02	2,766.47
Karnataka				
Ore		-	41,499	41,499
Metal		-	245.86	245.86
	Chikmagalur			
	Ore	-	160	160
	Metal	-	0.4	0.4
	Chitradurga			
	Ore	-	3,665	3,665
	Metal	-	7.75	7.75
	Gulbarga			
	Ore	-	1,840	1,840
	Metal	-	11.04	11.04
	Hassan			
	Ore	-	5,324	5,324
	Metal	-	47.54	47.54
	North Kanara			
	Ore	-	500	500
	Metal	-	6.15	6.15
	Raichur			
	Ore	-	15,430	15,430
	Metal	-	122.13	122.13
	Shimoga			
	Ore	-	14,580	14,580
	Metal	-	50.85	50.85
Madhya Pradesh				
Ore		120,353	266,312	386,665
Metal		1,571.04	2,095.82	3,666.86
	Balaghat			
	Ore	120,353	186,564	306,917
	Metal	1,571.04	1,230.83	2,801.87
	Betul			
	Ore	-	4,329	4,329
	Metal	-	20.54	20.54
	Jabalpur			
	Ore	-	75,119	75,119
	Metal	-	840.97	840.97
		2 9		(Contd.

Table-3 (Contd.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Katni			
	Ore	-	300	300
	Metal	-	3.48	3.48
Maharashtra				
Ore		-	17,755	17,755
Metal		-	158.08	158.08
	Bhandara			
	Ore	-	1,072	1,072
	Metal	-	13.76	13.76
	Chandrapur			
	Ore	_	11,675	11,675
	Metal	-	90.07	90.07
	Gadchiroli			
	Ore	_	1,680	1,680
	Metal	-	10.38	10.38
	Noanna			
	Nagpur		2 220	2 229
	Ore Metal	-	3,328 43.87	3,328
	Metai	-	43.87	43.87
Meghalaya				
Ore		-	880	880
Metal		-	9	9
	Khasi Hills (East)			
	Ore	-	880	880
	Metal	-	9	9
Nagaland				
Ore		-	2,000	2,000
Metal		-	15	15
	Phek			
	Ore	-	2,000	2,000
	Metal	-	15	15
Odisha				
Ore		-	11,991	11,991
Metal		-	97.03	97.03
	M 11 '			
	Mayurbhanj		0.270	0.270
	Ore Metal	-	9,370 71.57	9,370 71.57
	Metai	-	/1.5/	/1.5/
	Sambalpur			
	Ore	-	2,621	2,621
	Metal	-	25.46	25.46
Rajasthan				
Ore		34,388	833,461	867,849
Metal		483.08	4,152.52	4,635.60
				(Contd.

Table-3 (Contd.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Ajmer			
	Ore	0	9,340	9,340
	Metal	0	76.67	76.67
	Alwar			
	Ore	0	23,337	23,337
	Metal	0	182.26	182.26
	Banswara			
	Ore	0	8,513	8,513
	Metal	0	20.05	20.05
	Bharatpur			
	Ore	0	22	22
	Metal	0	0.24	0.24
	Bhilwara			
	Ore	0	31,158	31,158
	Metal	0	179.62	179.62
	Wietai	Ü	179.02	179.02
	Bundi	0	1.000	1.000
	Ore	0	1,980	1,980
	Metal	0	18.22	18.22
	Chittorgarh			
	Ore	0	18,720	18,720
	Metal	0	158.48	158.48
	Dausa			
	Ore	0	4,600	4,600
	Metal	0	54.28	54.28
	Dungarpur			
	Ore	0	1,090	1,090
	Metal	-	13	1 3
	Jaipur			
	Ore	_	23,810	23,810
	Metal	-	113.43	113.43
	Jhunjhunu			
	Ore	34388	505,683	540,071
	Metal	483.08	2,482.49	2,965.57
	Pali			
	Ore	-	1,997	1,997
	Metal	-	16.58	16.58
	Rajsamand			
	Ore	_	26,800	26,800
	Metal	<del>-</del>	27.85	27.85
	Ct leav			
	<b>Sikar</b> Ore	0	158,455	158,455
	Metal	0	627.14	627.14

Table-3 (Concld.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Sirohi			
	Ore	-	7,673	7,673
	Metal	-	111.62	111.62
	Udaipur			
	Ore	-	10,283	10,283
	Metal	-	70.59	70.59
Sikkim				
Ore		-	958	958
Metal		-	21.47	21.47
	Sikkim East			
	Ore	-	958	958
	Metal	-	21.47	21.47
Tamil Nadu				
Ore		-	790	790
Metal		-	3.81	3.81
	Villupuram			
	Ore	-	790	790
	Metal	-	3.81	3.81
Telangana				
Ore		-	666	666
Metal		-	9.12	9.12
	Khammam			
	Ore	-	666	666
	Metal	-	9.12	9.12
Uttarakhand				
Ore		-	4,220	4,220
Metal		-	60.04	60.04
	Almora			
	Ore	-	500	500
	Metal	-	2.5	2.5
	Dehradun			
	Ore	-	390	390
	Metal	-	1.44	1.44
	Pithoragarh			
	Ore	-	3,330	3,330
	Metal	-	56.1	56.1
West Bengal				
Ore		-	113	113
Metal		-	2.09	2.09
	Purulia			
	Ore	-	113	113
	Metal	-	2.09	2.09

### 3.4 LEAD & ZINC

#### Introduction

Lead & Zinc are strategic metals which have uses in non-ferrous and ferrous industries. Battery sector is known for prime lead consumption while galvanizing is the most important zinc consumer. Most of the Indian lead-zinc resources are confined to Proterozoic fold belt and Precambrians of the western part of the country.

Galena (PbS) is by far the most important ore of lead. Other commonly occurring minerals are Anglesite (PbSO<sub>4</sub>) and Cerusite (PbCO<sub>3</sub>). The principal ore of zinc is sphalerite (ZnS). Other important minerals are Calamine (ZnCO<sub>3</sub>) and Hemimorphite (2ZnOSiO<sub>3</sub> - H<sub>2</sub>O).

#### **Basis of Grade Classification**

The grade classification as adopted in the inventory is based on the report of the committee constituted for revision of end-use grade classification (September, 2004). The lead & zinc ore resources are classified based on the total metal content (Pb+Zn) into three grades namely:

- i) Ore with (+) 10% Pb + Zn
- ii) Ore with 5-10% Pb + Zn
- iii) Ore with (-) 5% Pb + Zn

Presently, M/s Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) is the private company holding largest resources of lead & zinc in the country. The leases of HZL are located at Kayad in Ajmer ditrict, Rampura-Agucha in Bhilwara district, Bamnikalan, Rajpura Dariba & Sindesar Khurd in Rajsamand district and Zawar group of mines in Udaipur district of Rajasthan state. Out of these Rampura-Agucha, Sindeswar Khurd and Rajpura Dariba are the largest lead & zinc deposit in the country. Besides, there are 3 leasehold public deposits of lead & zinc, one each in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Sikkim which are not working.

### **Basis of Categorisation of Resources**

As per United Nation Framework Classification (UNFC), total resources are broadly classified into 'reserves' and 'remaining resources' category.

According to the norm of this system, reserves of lead & zinc ore and corresponding metal have been placed under proved (111) and probable (121) & (122) categories.

The remaining resources have been placed under feasibility (211), pre-feasibility (221 & 222), measured

(331), indicated (332), inferred (333) and reconnaissance (334) categories.

#### **Salient Features of the Inventory**

The total resources of lead & zinc ore in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at 766 million tonnes containing about 12.87 million tonnes of lead metal, 33.17 million tonnes of zinc metal and 0.14 million tonnes of lead & zinc metal. Of these, about 103 million tonnes (13.4%) of ore have been placed under reserve category containing 1.9 million tonnes of lead metal and 7.44 million tonnes of zinc metal, and the balance 663 million tonnes (86.6%) of ore under remaining resources with about 10.97 million tonnes of lead metal, 25.73 million tonnes of zinc metal and 0.14 million tonnes of lead & zinc metal.

All India resources of lead & zinc ore and metal with break-up into reserves, remaining resources and total resources as on 01.04.2020 vis-a-vis 01.04.2015 have been given in Tables - 1 and 2. These tables give an idea about the significant changes in terms of increase or decrease in resources as per lease status, grades and state. In Table-3, district wise reserves/resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

Of the total resources of lead & zinc ore in the country, about 384.84 million tonnes (50.21%) of ore containing 4.43 million tonnes lead metal, 9.11 million tonnes zinc metal and 0.14 million tonnes lead & zinc metal have been placed in freehold areas; while 381.66 million tonnes (49.79%) of ore containing 8.44 million tonnes lead metal and 24.06 million tonnes zinc metal have been placed in leasehold areas. In the present inventory as on 01.04.2020, a sizeable quantity of about 375.42 million tonnes (48.98%) of lead & zinc ore reported in leasehold private sector. While a megre quantity of 6.24 million tonnes (0.81%) in leasehold public sector.

By grades, about 12.72% of the total resources of lead & zinc ore contains (+) 10% lead & zinc, 36.54% having 5-10% lead & zinc and the balance 50.74% ore have been estimated with (-) 5% lead & zinc.

About 89% of the country's total resources of lead & zinc ore are estimated in Rajasthan having about 685 million tonnes of ore containing 11.33 million tonnes of lead metal, 31.27 million tonnes of zinc metal and 0.14 million tonnes of lead & zinc metal. Besides, minor resources of lead & zinc ore have also been reported from Andhra Pradesh (22.69 million tonnes),

Table - 1: Reserves/Resources of Lead & Zinc as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By Lease Status/Grade)

								aI)	(In '000 Tonnes)
		Reserves		Re	Remaining resources		L	Total resources	
Lease status/Grade	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2015	Net change
All India:									
Total: Ore	103,275	106,116	(-)2841	663,222	643,343	(+)19,878	766,497	7 4 9 ,4 5 9	(+)17,038
Ore with (+) 10% Pb & Zn.	Zn. 39,100	54,387	(-)15,287	58,429	68,839	(-)11,410	97,529	124,226	(-)26,697
Ore with 5-10% Pb & Zn.		51,729	(-)1,239	229,569	278,156	(-)48,587	280,059	329,885	(-)49,826
Ore with (-)5% Pb & Zn Metal		•	(-)13,685	375,225	295,348	(+)79,877	388,909	295,348	(+)93,561
Lead	1,900.19	2,482.34	(-)582.15	10,969.8	10,521.36	(+)448.44	12,869.99	13,003.7	(-)133.71
Zinc	7,438.05	9,999.52	(-)2,561.47	25,732.32	26,363.24	(-)630.92	33,170.37	36,362.76	(-)3,192.39
Lead & Zinc metal	1	ı		143.13	143.13	No change	143.13	143.13	No change
Freehold									
Total: Ore	•	•	•	384,841	380,616	(+)4,225	384,841	380,616	(+)4,225
Ore with (+) 10% Pb & Zn	. Zn -	•	•	12,245	10,095	(+)2,150	12,245	10,095	(+)2,150
Ore with 5 - 10% Pb & Zn	Zu -	•	•	73,509	75,419	(-)1,910	73,509	75,419	(-)1,910
Ore with (-) 5% Pb & Zn	Zu -	ı	ı	299,088	295,102	(+)3,986	299,088	295,102	(+)3,986
Metal Lead	•	1	1	4,432.82	4,432.82	No change	4.432.82	4.432.82	No change
Zinc	1	•	1	9,112.47	9,095.68	(+)16.79	9,112.47	9,095.68	(+)16.79
Lead & Zinc metal	•	ı	ı	143.13	143.13	No change	143.13	143.13	No change
Leasehold (Private)									
Total: Ore	103,275	106,116	(-)2,841	272,144	254,984	(+)17,160	375,419	361,100	(+)14,319
Ore with (+) 10% Pb & Zn		54,387	(-)15,287	45,800	59,360	(-)13,560	84,900	113,747	(-)28,847
Ore with 5-10% Pb & Zn		51,729	(-)1,239	150,207	195,378	(-)45,171	200,697	247,107	(-)46,410
Ore with (-) 5% Pb & Zn Metal	Zn 13,685		(+)13,685	76,137	246	(+)75,891	89,822	246	(+)89,576
Lead	1,900.19	2,482.34	(-)582.15	6,298.91	5,849.22	(+)449.69	8,199.10	8,331.56	(-)132.46
Zinc	7,438.05	9999.52	(-)2,561.47	16,313.10	16,878.11	(-)565.01	23,751.15	26,877.63	(-)3,126.48
Leasehold (Public)									
Total : Ore	•			6,237	7,743	(-)1,506	6,237	7,743	(-)1,506
Ore with (+) 10% Pb & Zn	Zn -	1	1	384	383	No change	384	383	No change
Ore with 5-10% Pb & Zn	Zu -	1	1	5,853	7,360	(-)1,507	5,853	7,360	(-)1,507
Metal				0			0		
Lead	ı	1	ı	238.07	239.32	(-)1.25	238.07	239.32	(-)1.25
ZIIIC	ı			5000	367.43	(-)07:70	57.006	307.43	(-)07:

figures rounded off.

Madhya Pradesh (19.07 million tonnes), Bihar (11.44 million tonnes), Maharashtra (9.27million tonnes), Gujarat (5.68 million tonnes), Uttarakhand (5.62 million tonnes), West Bengal (3.7 million tonnes), Odisha (1.75 million tonnes), Sikkim (0.95 million tonnes), Meghalaya (0.88 million tonnes) and Tamil Nadu (0.79 million tonnes) (Table-2).

A net increase of about 17.04 million tonnes of ore resources have been recorded in inventory 2020 as compared to earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015. However, in terms of metals, a decrease of 0.13 million tonnes of lead metal and 3.19 million tonnes of zinc metal have been recorded in current inventory 2020 as compared to earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015. Rajasthan recorded a considerable increase of 14.31 million tonnes of lead & zinc ore. However, in terms of metal, a decrease of 0.13 million tonnes of lead metal and 3.12 million tonnes of zinc metal have been recorded in the current inventory as on 01.04.2020 owing to reassessment of resources in existing five deposits located in Ajmer, Bhilwara, Rajsamand and Udaipur districts.

In Gujarat state, there is a decrease in resources of

lead & zinc ore by 1.50 million tonnes with corresponding decrease in lead metal by 1.25 thousand tonnes and zinc metal by 82.7 thousand tonnes due to downward revision of resources in existing deposits located in Banaskantha district.

In Madhya Pradesh, an increase of 4.22 million tonne of ore with 16.79 thousand tonnes of zinc metal was recorded due to addition of one new freehold deposit in Betul district in the present inventory with total resources of 1,257 thousand tonnes of ore containing 7 thousand tonnes of zinc metal and also upward revision of resource in two freehold deposits. All deposits of Madhya Pradesh are reported in freehold area.

Of the total resources of lead & zinc ore, about 373 million tonnes (48.61%) has been estimated under inferred (333) and reconnaissance (334) categories, which are based on a very limited and preliminary exploration. If these areas are examined for further detailed exploration the confidence level of resource endowment in the country may improve.

A total of 83 deposits of lead & zinc ore have been covered in the National Mineral Inventory as on 01.04.2020, of which 73 deposits are in freehold area and 10 deposits in leasehold area.

Table – 2: Total Resources of Lead & Zinc as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By States)

(Бу Зіа	ites)	(In '000 Tonnes)
Total Resources		Net Change
As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
766,497	749,459	(+)17,038
12,869.99	13,003.70	(-)133.71
33,170.37	36,362.76	(-)3,192.39
143.13	143.13	No Change
22,689	22,689	No Change
836.88	836.88	No Change
63.16	63.16	No Change
11,435	11,435	No Change
24	24	No Change
38.75	38.75	No Change
5,682	7,189	(-)1,507
208.45	209.70	(-)1.25
261.4	344.10	(-)82.7
0.9	0.9	No Change
19,067	14,841	(+)4,226
36.29	36.29	No Change
470.53	453.74	(+)16.79
9,272 589.67	9,272 589.67	No Change No Change (Contd.)
	Total Ro  As on 01.04.2020  766,497 12,869.99 33,170.37 143.13  22,689 836.88 63.16  11,435 24 38.75  5,682 208.45 261.4 0.9  19,067 36.29 470.53	As on 01.04.2020       As on 01.04.2015         766,497       749,459         12,869.99       13,003.70         33,170.37       36,362.76         143.13       143.13         22,689       22,689         836.88       836.88         63.16       63.16         11,435       11,435         24       24         38.75       38.75         5,682       7,189         208.45       209.70         261.4       344.10         0.9       0.9         19,067       14,841         36.29       36.29         470.53       453.74         9,272       9,272

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Table - 2 (Concld.)

State	Total Ro	Net Change	
	As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
Machalana			
Meghalaya	880	880	No Chanca
Ore Lead Metal	16.5	16.5	No Change
Zinc Metal	16.3	16.3	No Change No Change
Zilic Metal	14	1 4	No Change
Odisha			
Ore	1,750	1,750	No Change
Lead Metal	76.96	76.96	No Change
Rajasthan			
Ore	684,656	670,338	(+)14,318
Lead Metal	11,331.92	11,464.38	(-)132.46
Zinc Metal	31,266.02	34,392.50	(-)3,126.48
Lead & Zinc Metal	142.23	142.23	No Change
Sikkim			
Ore	950	950	No Change
Lead Metal	8.58	8.58	No Change
Zinc Metal	20.07	20.07	No Change
Γamil Nadu			
Ore	790	790	No Change
Lead Metal	7.74	7.74	No Change
Zinc Metal	36.52	36.52	No Change
Uttarakhand			
Ore	5,620	5,620	No Change
Lead Metal	182.6	182.6	No Change
Zinc Metal	266.83	266.83	No Change
West Bengal			
Ore	3,706	3,706	No Change
Lead Metal	140.07	140.07	No Change
Zinc Metal	143.42	143.42	No Change

figures rounded off.

Table - 3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Lead & Zinc as on 01.04.2020

(In '000 Tonnes)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India : Total				
Ore		103,275	663,222	766,497
Lead Metal		1,900.19	10,969.80	12,869.99
Zinc Metal		7,438.05	25,732.32	33,170.37
Lead & Zinc Metal		-	143.13	143.13
Andhra Pradesh				
Ore		-	22,689	22,689
Lead Metal		-	836.88	836.88
Zinc Metal		-	63.16	63.16

Table	_ 3	(Conto	١)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Cuddapah			
	Ore	-	4,310	4,310
	Lead Metal	-	95.16	95.16
	Zinc Metal	-	58.36	58.36
	Guntur			
	Ore	-	18,079	18,079
	Lead Metal	-	733.72	733.72
	Zinc Metal	-	4.8	4.8
	Prakasam (Ongole	H.Q)		
	Ore	-	300	300
	Lead Metal	-	8	8
Bihar				
Ore		-	11,435	11,435
Lead Metal		-	2 4	2 4
Zinc Metal		-	38.75	38.75
	Banka			
	Ore	-	435	435
	Zinc Metal	-	14.75	14.75
	Rohtas			
	Ore	-	11,000	11,000
	Lead Metal	-	2 4	2 4
	Zinc Metal	-	2 4	2 4
Gujarat				
Ore		-	5,682	5,682
Lead Metal		-	208.45	208.45
Zinc Metal		-	261.4	261.4
Lead & Zinc Metal		-	0.9	0.9
	Banaskantha			
	Ore	-	5,482	5,482
	Lead Metal	-	208.45	208.45
	Zinc Metal	-	261.4	261.4
	Vadodara			
	Ore	-	200	200
	Lead & Zinc Metal	-	0.9	0.9
Madhya Pradesh				
Ore		-	19,067	19,067
Lead Metal		-	36.29	36.29
Zinc Metal		-	470.53	470.53
	Betul			
	Ore	-	14,093	14,093
	Lead Metal	-	32.86	32.86
	Zinc Metal	-	408.25	408.25

Table - 3 (Contd.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Chhindwara			
	Ore	-	4,498	4,498
	Zinc Metal	-	60.71	60.71
	Katni			
	Ore	-	476	476
	Lead Metal	-	3.43	3.43
	Zinc Metal	-	1.57	1.57
Maharashtra				
Ore Zinc Metal		-	9,272 589.67	9,272 589.67
Zinc Metai		-	589.07	589.07
	Nagpur			
	Ore	-	9,272	9,272
	Zinc Metal	-	589.67	589.67
Meghalaya				
Ore Lead Metal		-	880 16.5	880 16.5
Zinc Metal		-	14	10.5
	Khasi Hills East Ore		880	880
	Lead Metal	-	16.5	16.5
	Zinc Metal	-	1 4	14
Odisha				
Ore		-	1,750	1,750
Lead Metal		-	76.96	76.96
	Sundargarh			
	Ore	-	1,750	1,750
	Lead Metal	-	76.96	76.96
Rajasthan				
Ore		103,275	581,381	684,656
Lead Metal		1,900.19	9,431.73	11,331.92
Zinc Metal		7,438.05	23,827.97	31,266.02
Lead & Zinc Metal		-	142.23	142.23
	Ajmer			
	Ore	3,381	31,170	34,551
	Lead Metal	29.01	642.99	672
	Zinc Metal	163.25	1,513.34	1,676.59
	Bhilwara	20 100	70.522	117 (22
	Ore	39,100	78,533	117,633
	Lead Metal	632.15	1,408.18	2,040.33
	Zinc Metal	4,938.21	5,685.90	10,624.11
	Lead & Zinc Metal	-	24.68	24.68
	Chittorgarh			
	Ore	-	1,200	1,200
	Lead Metal Zinc Metal	-	64.8 4.8	64.8 4.8
	Pali		1 007	1 007
	Ore Lead Metal	-	1,997 2.29	1,997 2.29
	Zinc Metal	_	106.25	106.25

Table - 3 (Contd.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Daisamand			
	<b>Rajsamand</b> Ore	49,000	199,029	248,029
	Lead Metal	1,056.67	3,814.19	4,870.86
	Zinc Metal	1,927.56	8,311.12	10,238.68
	Lead & Zinc Metal	-	84.25	84.25
	Sikar			
	Ore	_	650	650
	Lead Metal	-	1.56	1.56
	G!h.!			
	Sirohi		6.604	6.604
	Ore	-	6,604	6,604
	Lead Metal	-	24.94	24.94
	Zinc Metal	-	106.46	106.46
	Lead & Zinc Metal	-	33.30	33.30
	Udaipur			
	Ore	11,794	262199	273,993
	Lead Metal	182.36	3,472.78	3,655.14
	Zinc Metal	409.03	8,100.1	8,509.13
Sikkim				
Ore		-	950	950
Lead Metal		-	8.58	8.58
Zinc Metal		-	20.07	20.07
	Sikkim East			
	Ore	-	950	950
	Lead Metal	-	8.58	8.58
	Zinc Metal	-	20.07	20.07
Tamil Nadu				
Ore		-	790	790
Lead Metal		-	7.74	7.74
Zinc Metal		-	36.52	36.52
	Villupuram			
	Ore	_	790	790
	Lead Metal		7.74	7.74
	Zinc Metal	-	36.52	36.52
Uttarakhand				
Ore		-	5,620	5,620
		-	182.60	182.60
Zinc Metal		-	266.83	266.83
	Dehradun			
	Ore	_	2,290	2,290
	Lead Metal	_	36.75	36.75
	Zinc Metal	_	107.99	107.99

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Table - 3 (Concld.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
	Pithoragarh			
	Ore	-	3,330	3,330
	Lead Metal	-	145.85	145.85
	Zinc Metal	-	158.84	158.84
West Bengal				
Ore		-	3,706	3,706
Lead Metal		-	140.07	140.07
Zinc Metal		-	143.42	143.42
	Darjeeling			
	Ore	-	3,706	3,706
	Lead Metal	-	140.07	140.07
	Zinc Metal	-	143.42	143.42

## 3.5 PLATINUM GROUP OF METALS

#### Introduction

Platinum and Palladium are the commercially important rare metals of the Platinum Group of Metals (PGM), which include iridium, osmium, rhodium and ruthenium. In India, incidences of PGM have been reported from the Pre-cambrian mafic/ultramafic complexes in Sukinda and Nausahi sectors of Odisha, Sitampudi in Tamil Nadu, mafic/ultramafic complex of Shimoga schist belt in Karnataka and ultramafic rocks of Madawara igneous complex in Uttar Pradesh.

Since early times, the noble metals were valued as precious metals but their use as catalyst for control of emission especially from vehicle is now prominent. They are also used in electronics and medical field; viz dental and chemotherapy of cancer.

### **Basis of Grade Classification**

The exploration agencies have reported only metal content of the rocks in the areas under exploration and hence resources have been reported in the inventory as on 01.04.2020 in terms of metal only.

#### **Basis of Categorisation of Resources**

As per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), total resources are broadly classified into 'reserves' and 'remaining resources' category.

Accordingly, remaining resources of PGM have been placed under indicated (332) inferred (333) and

reconnaisance (334) categories.

## Salient Features of the Inventory

The occurrence of PGM is rare and its incidence in country rocks is measured in parts per million or even billion. There is no commercial production of ore or extraction of these metals reported in India.

All India scenrio of PGM reserves, remaining resources and total resources as on 01.04.2020 vis.a.vis 01.04.2015 have been given in Table-1 & 2. These tables gives an idea of about changes in terms of increase or decrease of resources as per lease status, grades and states. In table-3, district wise reserves/remaining resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

A total 8 freehold deposits have been covered in the NMI as on 01.04.2020 which includes addition of Five new deposits in current inventory.

An increase of 5.21 tonnes of resources of PGM is reported in comparison to earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015. The increase in resource is primarily due to 5 new freehold deposits reported in the states of Kerala (1) and Tamil Nadu (4) accounting to an increase of 1.87 tonnes while resources in Uttar Pradesh increased by 3.34 tonnes due to re-estimation of resources in existing/old freehold deposit.

Table - 1 : Reserves/Resources of Platinum Group of Metals as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By Lease Status/Grade)

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Chan Olympian and I	Reserves		Re-	Remaining resources		I	Total resources	
Lease status/Grade	01.04.2020 01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	01.04.2020 01.04.2015	Net change	01.04.2020	Net change 01.04.2020 01.04.2015 Net change	Net change
All India: Total		•	20.92	15.71	(+)5.21	20.92	15.71	(+)5.21
Metal		1	20.92	15.71	(+)5.21	20.92	15.71	(+)5.21
Freehold: Metal		•	20.92	15.71	(+)5.21	20.92	15.71	(+)5.21
figures rounded off.								

Table -2: Total Resources of Platinum Group of Metals as on 01.04.2020 vis-à-vis 01.04.2015 (By States)

(In Tonne)

State	Total Re	Net Change	
	As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
All India : Total	20.92	15.71	(+) 5.21
Karnataka	1.5	1.5	No Change
Kerala	0.18	-	(+) 0.18
Odisha	14.20	14.20	No Change
Tamilnadu	1.69	-	(+) 1.69
Uttar Pradesh	3.35	0.01	(+) 3.34

figures rounded off.

Table - 3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Platinum Group of Metals as on 01.04.2020

				(In Tonne)
State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India: Total		-	20.92	20.92
Karnataka		-	1.5	1.5
	Dawangere	-	1.5	1.5
Kerala		-	0.18	0.18
	Palakkad	-	0.18	0.18
Odisha		_	14.2	14.2
	Keonjhar	-	14.2	14.2
Tamil Nadu		<u>-</u>	1.69	1.69
	Erode	-	0.15	0.15
	Namakkal	-	1.54	1.54
Uttar Pradesh		-	3.35	3.35
	Lalitpur	-	3.35	3.35