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## Preface

In India, preparation of National Mineral Inventory (NMI) was initiated in 1968 when this task was first included in the Charter Functions of Indian Bureau Mines. The National Mineral Policy, 2019 has again envisaged “IBM to perform as a National Technical Regulator and to discharge the developmental functions for the sustainable development of the mineral industry and to work as repository of database on mines and minerals”. In the light of role and charter of IBM, one of the key function being performed by IBM includes preparation and periodic updation of NMI of various minerals as per the international practice on resource classification. Since 1968 onward inventory is being prepared and updated quinquennially with some need based intermediate updation of selected minerals. The last updation was completed as on 01.04.2015. Since Government of India declared a number of minerals as minor minerals vide notification S.O.423(E) dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the minerals already declared, the data were collected for 46 major minerals covered for updation of NMI as on 01.04.2020 leaving aside minor minerals.

Indian Bureau of Mines disseminates mineral resource data through its various publications. The present handbook is intended to disseminate the data on mineral resources of the country. The National Mineral Inventory at a Glance is aimed to give a quick browser of the country’s resource wealth. The publication provides reserves/resources as per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) which has been adopted in the Indian Mineral Sector and basis for auction of mineral blocks in term of value of total resources. A brief explanatory note on UNFC has also been incorporated in this publication. The resource data has been provided in the form of tables. These tables give mineral wise distribution of resources in different states and vice versa along with codes and terminologies as per UNFC.

This publication is based on the output of NMI database maintained by Indian Bureau of Mines through joint efforts of its Mineral Economics Division and Minerals Development and Regulation Division. The data input for NMI is collected from different stakeholders engaged in exploration, exploitation both in Central and State Governments as well as public and private sectors which also contributes information required for database updation. Out of the 46 major minerals covered in NMI as on 01.04.2020, resources have been estimated for 45 minerals. In case of remaining one mineral viz. Alexandrite, no resources have been reported / estimated by exploration agencies.

This publication is designed to provide a quick and broad qualitative scenario of mineral resources of the country. We look forward to suggestions and feedback from the readers on this edition of updated “*National Mineral Inventory- At a Glance (As on 01.04.2020)*”.

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