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30 MINOR MINERALS

(BARYTES, BENTONITE, CALCITE, CORRUNDUM AND SAPPHIRE, DIASPORE, DOLOMITE
DUNITE AND PYROXENITE, FELSPAR, FIRE-CLAY, FULLER'S EARTH, GRANITE, GYPSUM
KAOLIN-BALL CLAY-OTHER CLAYS AND SHALE, LATERITE, MARBLE, MICA, OCHRE,
OTHER CALCAREOUS MATERIALS, PYROPHYLLITE, QUARTZ AND OTHER SILICA MINERA
SLATE-SANDSTONE AND OTHER DIMENSION STONES, TALC-SOAPSTONE-STEATITE)

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INTRODUCTION

The Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (e) of Section 3 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), and by issue of Notification, vide Notification No. 423(E) dated 10th February, 2015; declared the below listed minerals to be Minor Minerals in addition to the earlier declared Minor Minerals, i.e., marble, granite, fuller's earth and bentonite. Most of these minerals were hitherto covered in Indian Minerals Yearbook as individual Reviews:

1. Agate
2. Ball clay
3. Barytes
4. Calcareous sand
5. Calcite
6. Chalk
7. China Clay
8. Clay (others)
9. Corundum
10. Diaspore
11. Dolomite
12. Dunite or pyroxenite
13. Felsite
14. Felspar
15. Fire clay
16. Fuschite Quartzite
17. Gypsum
18. Jaspar
19. Kaolin
20. Laterite
21. Limekankar
22. Mica
23. Ochre

24. Pyrophyllite
25. Quartz
26. Quartzite
27. Sand (others)
28. Shale
29. Silica sand
30. Slate
31. Steatite or talc or soapstone

Since minor minerals come under the purview of respective State Governments, most of the details with regard to their exploration and development, production, consumption, export/import details etc. are not received at IBM. Lack of promptness in receipt of information has impeded the flow in the updating of data regarding these minerals and thereby causing limitations in the coverage of these minerals. In addition, the major shake-up in the status of minor minerals has led to realignment of Reviews covered in Vol. III of Indian Minerals Yearbook (IMYB). The present edition of IMYB for the first time has a dedicated Review on Minor Minerals.

In the present compilation of IMYB under the Review entitled 'Minor Minerals' the following sub-chapters on minor minerals have been alphabetically sequenced starting from Barytes to the final chapter on Talc, Soapstone and Steatite.

1. Barytes
2. Bentonite
3. Calcite
4. Corundum and Sapphire (Sapphire- Major mineral)

5. Diaspore
6. Dolomite
7. Dunite and Pyroxenite
8. Felspar
9. Fireclay
10. Fuller's Earth
11. Granite
12. Gypsum (Selenite - Major mineral)
13. Kaolin, China Clay, Ball Clay, Other Clays
and Shale
14. Laterite
15. Marble
16. Mica

17. Ochre
18. Other Calcareous Materials (contains Minor
minerals – Limekankar and Chalk)
19. Pyrophyllite
20. Quartz and other silica minerals (contains
Minor minerals – Agate, Jasper, Quartz,
Quartzite, Sand others and Silica sand;
Moulding sand-Major minerals)
21. Slate, Sandstone and Other Dimension
Stones (contains minor mineral – Felsite)
22. Talc, Soapstone and Steatite

Thus this compilation covers almost all Minor
Minerals covered in the MMDR Act 1957.