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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**

No exploration work was reported by any Central/State agencies during the year 2020-21.

**Production**

Natural gas (utilised) was the only important mineral item produced in Tripura during 2020-21. The value of minor minerals' production was estimated at ₹ 467 lakh for the year 2020-21 (Table-2).

**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 1.4.2015: Tripura**

| Mineral                         | Unit        | Total reserves (A) | Remaining resources |                 |           | Total resources (A+B) |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|                                 |             |                    | Measured STD331     | Inferred STD333 | Total (B) |                       |
| Fireclay <sup>#</sup>           | '000 tonnes | -                  | 1                   | 369             | 370       | 370                   |
| Quartz-silica sand <sup>#</sup> | '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 01.04.2021 are 0.07 million tonnes and 29.18 billion cu. m, respectively.

<sup>#</sup> Declared as Minor Mineral vide Gazette Notification dated 10.02.2015.

**Table –2 : Mineral Production in Tripura, 2018-19 to 2020-21 (Excluding Atomic Minerals)**

(Value in ₹'000)

| Mineral             | Unit  | 2018-19      |      |                     | 2019-20      |      |                     | 2020-21 (P)  |      |                     |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|------|---------------------|--------------|------|---------------------|--------------|------|---------------------|
|                     |       | No. of mines | Qty  | Value <sup>\$</sup> | No. of mines | Qty  | Value <sup>\$</sup> | No. of mines | Qty  | Value <sup>\$</sup> |
| <b>All Minerals</b> |       | -            |      | <b>47953</b>        | -            |      | <b>50577</b>        | -            |      | <b>46688</b>        |
| Natural Gas (ut.)   | m c m | -            | 1554 | -                   | -            | 1473 | -                   | -            | 1634 | -                   |
| Minor Minerals      |       | -            | -    | 47953               | -            | -    | 50577               | -            | -    | 46688               |

<sup>\$</sup> Excludes the value of Fuel minerals.