2.1 CHROMITE

Introduction

Chromite is an important commercial chromium bearing mineral. It is an oxide of chromium and iron (FeO Cr₂O₃ or Fe Cr₂O₄). It belongs to the spinel group. In its purest form the chromite ore contains 68% chromium oxide and Cr: Fe ratio is 1.8:1, but in nature such chromite is rare. It occurs as a primary mineral of ultrabasic igneous rocks and is normally associated with peridotite, pyroxenite, dunite and serpentinite. World wide, high alumina chromite, largely from podiform deposits is used in refractory applications while iron rich ores, largely from stratiform deposits are utilised in metallurgical and chemical applications.

Chromite is of critical importance because it imparts unique qualities to the products to which it is added. It is used in the production of stainless steel and high temperature alloys having numerous industrial and defence applications. It is also used in the manufacture of ferro-chrome, charge-chrome, refractories and chemicals.

India is one of the leading producers and exporters of chromite in the world. Chromite deposits of Sukinda and Nausahi ultramafic belt of Odisha constitutes 94% of the country's chromite resources. Here chromite occurs as concentration and disseminations in the ultramafic rocks, in the form of lenses, pockets, thin seams and stringers. Other states contributing to the country's resources of chromite are Manipur, Nagaland, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. In Manipur, chromite is associated with serpentine. In Nagaland, nickeliferrous chromite has been located in ultramafic belt. In Karnataka, the ultramafic rocks bearing chromite occur in two belts; viz. Nuggehalli, Arsikhera and Nanjangud in Mysore district. In Maharashtra, it occurs in altered ultramafic rocks. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, it occurs in Eastern Ghat group of rocks in Krishna and Khammam districts respectively. In Tamil Nadu, chromite associated with amphibolites bands are found in Sitampundi complex of anorthosites.

Basis of Grade Classification

In the inventory as on 01.04.2020 the resources of chromite have been classified into following grades:

- 1. Ferro-Chrome Cr_2O_3 48% (min), Cr:Fe ratio 2.8:1 (min)
- 2. Charge-Chrome Cr₂O₃ 44% (min), Cr:Fe ratio 1.6:1 (min)

- 3. Refractory $Cr_2O_3 + 40\%$, FeO 18% (max), SiO_2 12% (max), MgO 15% (max), physical lumpy
- 5. Beneficiable Cr₂O₃ 12% (min)
- 6. Low Chemical and physical properties fall below the specifications of the different grades mentioned above.
- 7. Others Estimation for such grades through usable/marketable but can not be classified into the above grades.
- The range of minimum and maximum value of the constituents are such that it does not enable to classify under any grades.
- 9. Not Known

 Such estimation about which nformation/data is not available/reported tobe classfied it under any of the grades.

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 norms of this system 'reserves' of chromite ore have been placed under proved (111) and probable categories (121) and (122).

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 chromite in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at 331.69 million tonnes, of

these about 79 million tonnes (24%) fall under reserves category and 253 million tonnes (76%) are remaining resources.

All India scenarios of chromite 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, district-wise reserves/resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

Out of the total resources, about 66 million tonnes (20%) have been placed in freehold, 219 million tonnes (66%) in leasehold private and 47 million tonnes (14%) in leasehold public areas.

Out of the total resources, charge-chrome grade constitutes 93.71 million tonnes (28%), beneficiable 80.5 million tonnes (24%), ferrochrome 57 million tonnes (17%) and refractory 52.34 million tonnes (16%). The resources of low grade chromite is limited which constitutes about 11 million tonnes (3%) of the total resources. Besides, meagre quantity of about 0.04 million tonnes is held by others, Not known and unclassified grade.

An overall decrease of about 12 million tonnes of resources have be recorded in NMI 2020 as compared to previous inventory 2015. Downward revision recorded in beneficiable grade 5 million tonnes, charge chrome 12 million tonnes, unclassified grade 2 million tonnes and upward revision in low grade 7 million tonnes, refractory 4.6 million tonnes recorded in current inventory.

The state of Odisha has been endowed with the largest share of total resources of chromite in the country at 318 million tonnes (96%). These resources have mainly been distributed in three districts, namely Jajpur (287 million tonnes), Keonjhar (27 million tonnes) and Dhenkanal (4.5 million tonne). Manipur has 6.66 million tonnes (2%) resources estimated in Chandel and Ukhrul districts. The balance 2% resources are accounted together by other states namely Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

In Odisha, an overall net decrease of 12.44 million tonnes resources has been registered due to downward revision in resources of existing deposits. However, one new deposits with total resources of 2,700 thousand tonnes was reported in NMI as on 01.04.2020.Minor increase in Karnataka (186 thousand tonnes) observed due to upward revision in resources of 2 leasehold deposits and minor decrease in Maharashtra(71 thousand tonnes) observed due to downward revision of resources in one leasehold private deposits.

Of the total resources of chromite, about 91 million tonnes (27%) resources have been estimated under inferred (333) and reconnaissance (334) categories. These resources are based on a very limited and preliminary exploration. A detailed exploration in these areas may improve the confidence level of resources.

In the inventory as on 01.04.2020, a total 96 deposits have been covered. Out of these, 62 deposits are in freehold and 34 deposits in lease hold areas (15 leasehold-private and 19 leasehold-public).

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

The Distriction of the Control of th		Reserves		Re	Remaining resources			Total resources	
Lease status/ Orade	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	78,535	102,210	(-)23,675	253,150	241,806	(+)11,343	331,685	344,016	(-)12,331
Ferro-Chrome		13,842	(-)13,842	57,429	47,504	(+)9,925	57,429	61,346	(-)3,917
Refractory	26,663	29,978	(-)3,315	25,675	17,684	(+)7,991	52,338	47,662	(+)4,676
Charge Chrome	31,896	25,804	(+)6,092	61,815	79,905	(-)18,090	93,711	105,709	(-)11,998
Low	4,480	•	(+)4,480	6,284	3,765	(+)2,519	10,764	3,765	(+)6,999
Beneficiable	15,113	31,557	(-)16,444	65,413	54,139	(+)11,274	80,526	85,697	(-)5,171
Others	1	133	(-)133	15	740	(-)725	15	873	(-)858
Unclassified	384	968	(-)512	35,793	37,343	(-)1,550	36,177	38,239	(-)2,062
Not Known	1	1	ı	725	725	No change	725	725	No change
Freehold	•			62,699	65,320	(+)379	62,699	65,320	(+)379
Ferro Chrome	•	•	•	180	180	No change	180	180	No change
Refractory	1	•	•	1,599	1,515	(+)84	1,599	1,515	(+)84
Charge Chrome	1		•	22,948	22,732	(+)216	22,948	22,732	(+)216
Low	1	1	1	3,473	3,473	No change	3,473	3,473	No change
Beneficiable	1	1		2,938	2,859	62(+)	2,938	2,859	67(+)
Others	1			15	15	No change	15	15	No change
Unclassified	1	•	•	33,822	33,822	No change	33,822	33,822	No change
Not Known	1	•	•	723	723	No change	723	723	No change
Leasehold (Private)	53,087	82,290	(-)29,203	165,672	111,670	54,002	218,760	193,960	(+)24,800
Ferro Chrome	1	8,111	(-)8,111	56,355	28,291	28,064	56,355	36,402	(+)19,953
Refractory	21,343	26,263	(-)4,920	17,368	6,024	11,343	38,711	32,287	(+)6,424
Charge Chrome	23,671	23,338	(+)333	36,836	45,660	(-)8,824	60,507	866,89	(-)8,491
Beneficiable	7,690	23,683	(-)15,993	53,171	28,202	(+)24,969	60,861	51,885	(+)8,976
Unclassified	384	968	(-)512	1,942	3,492	(-)1,550	2,326	4,388	(-)2,062
Leasehold (Public)	25,448	19,920	(+)5,528	21,779	64,816	(-)43,038	47,227	84,736	(-)37,510
Ferro Chrome	1	5,731	(-)5,731	894	19,033	(-)18,139	894	24,764	(-)23,870
Refractory	5,320	3,715	(+)1,605	6,708	10,145	(-)3,437	12,028	13,860	(-)1,832
Charge Chrome	8,225	2,466	(+)5,759	2,032	11,513	(-)9,481	10,257	13,979	(-)3,722
Low	4,480	•	(+)4,480	2,811	292	(+)2,519	7,291	292	(+)6,999
Beneficiable	7,423	7,875	(-)452	9,303	23,078	(-)13,775	16,726	30,953	(-)14,227
Others	1	133	(-)133	1	725	(-)725	•	858	(-) 858
Unclassified	1	1	1	29	29	No change	29	29	No change
Not Known				c	C	No change	C	C	No obose

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

(In '000 Tonnes)

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State	Total Ro	esources	Net Change
	As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
All India : Total	331,685	344,016	(-) 12,331
Andhra Pradesh	++	++	No Change
Jharkhand	736	736	No Change
Karnataka Maharashtra	1,817 538	1,631 609	(+) 186 (-) 71
Manipur	6,657	6,657	No Change
Nagaland	3,200	3,200	No Change
Odisha	318,269	330,714	(-) 12,445
Tamil Nadu	282	283	(-) 1
Telangana	186	186	No Change

figures rounded off, ++: Negligible

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

(In '000 Tonnes)

State/District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India: Total	78,535	253,150	331,685
Andhra Pradesh	-	++	++
Krishna	-	++	++
Jharkhand	-	736	736
Singhbhum (East)	-	736	736
Karnataka	499	1,317	1,817
Chikmagalur	-	138	138
Hassan	499	1,114	1,613
Mysore	-	66	66
Maharashtra	5	533	538
Bhandara	5	434	439
Chandrapur	-	11	11
Nagpur	-	5 6	5 6
Sindhudurg	-	33	33
Manipur	_	6,657	6,657
Chandel	-	1,178	1,178
Ukhrul	-	5,479	5,479
Nagaland	_	3,200	3,200
Tuensang	-	3,200	3,200
Odisha	78,031	240,237	318,269
Balasore	· -	3	3
Dhenkanal	845	3,679	4,523
Jajpur	68,227	218,380	286,607
Keonjhar	8960	18,176	27,136
Tamil Nadu	-	282	282
Coimbatore	-	3 7	37
Salem	-	246	246
Telangana	-	186	186
Khammam	-	186	186

figures rounded off. ++: Negligible

2.2 IRON ORE (Haematite)

Introduction

Haematite is one of the most important ores for extraction of iron. In India, over 95% of iron ore is consumed in iron & steel industry. Haematite occurs in the form of oxide (Fe₂O₂) which is widely spread at various regions across the country. Haematite deposits are mainly located in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha. Bara Jamda sector in Jharkhand, Bailadila-Rowghat hill ranges in Chhattisgarh and Bellary-Hospet sector in Karnataka are considered the biggest iron ore fields in India. In India, the iron ore deposits are associated with Banded-Haematite-Quartzite (BHQ)/Banded-Haematite-Jasper (BHJ) formed by sedimentation and residual concentration.

Basis of Grade Classification

In India, occurrences of iron ore are classified as high grade, medium grade and low grade deposits according to the incidence of iron in the ore. Ore is being processed by crushing, screening, washing, etc. before making ready for sintering, pelletisation, blast furnace operation, etc. It is known that even a comparatively lower grade deposit can yield high quality furnace charge after beneficiation and agglomeration. Hence, grade classification has been done according to the naturally occurring state of the ore.

The grade classification adopted in the inventory as on 01.04.2020 is based mainly on four chemical constituents namely Fe, SiO₂, Al₂O₃ and phosphorous which was in line with the recommendations of the committee constituted for end use grade classification (September, 2004). The Classification is given below:

1.	High Grade (lump & fines)	Fe: (+) 65% SiO ₂ : 2% (max) Al ₂ O ₃ : 2% (max) P: 0.1% (max)
2.	Medium Grade (lump & fines)	Fe: 62 to 65% SiO ₂ : 3% (max) Al ₂ O ₃ : 3% (max.) P: 0.1% (max)
3.	Low Grade	Fe: (-) 62%

	(lump & fines)	SiO ₂ : 4.5 (max) Al ₂ O ₃ : 4% (max) P: 0.1% (max)
4.	Beneficiable	(i) Fe: 45% (min) for ore other than Goa. (ii) Fe: 35% (min) for siliceous ore of Goan origin
5.	Black iron ore	Haematite containing 10% manganese.
6.	Others	Estimation for such grade though useable/marketable but cannot be classified into above grades.
7.	Unclassified	The range of minimum and maximum values of constituents are such that it does not enable to classify under any grades.
8.	Not Known	Such estimation about which information/data is

Basis of Categorisation of Resources

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According to the norms of this system, 'reserves' of iron ore (haematite) 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 iron ore (haematite) in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at 24,058 million tonnes; of these about 6,209 million tonnes (26%) fall under 'reserves' category and the balance about 17,849 million tonnes (74%) under 'remaining resources' category. Of the total resources, about 8,393 million tonnes (35%) have been estimated in freehold areas while about 8,212 million tonnes (34%) in leasehold private and about 7,453 million tonnes (31%) in leasehold public sector.

All India scenario of iron ore (haematite) 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, grades and state. In Table-3, district-wise reserves/resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

In terms of grade, the medium grade (lumps & fines) resources constitute for 9,131 million tonnes (38%), followed by low-grade (Lumps & Fines) 7,566 million tonnes (31%), high grade (Lumps & Fines) 2,937 million tonnes (12%), unclassified lumps, fines, blue dust & black iron grade 1,227 million tonnes(5%), beneficiable grade 1,389 million tonnes (6%) and others & not known grades constitute about 1,808 million tonnes (8%).

About 90% of the country's resources have been reported from four states namely Odisha (39%), Jharkhand (20%), Chhattisgarh (19%) and Karnataka (12%). The balance 10% resources are distributed in Goa (5%), Andhra Pradesh (2%) Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra, (1% each) and Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & Telangana together contribute 1%.

An increase of about 1,571 million tonnes resources of iron ore (haematite) have been recorded in NMI as on 01.04.2020 as compared to

the earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015.

A total of 70 new deposits i.e. 3 deposits in Andhra Pradesh, 1 deposit in Assam, 5 deposits in Chattisgarh, 2 deposits in Jharkhand, 16 deposits in Karnataka, 11 deposits in Madhya Pradesh, 23 deposits in Odisha, 1 deposit in Rajasthan, 6 deposits in Telangana and 2 deposits in Uttar Pradesh possessing about 1,685 million tonnes of resources were added during updation of NMI as on 01.04.2020. Out of the 70 new deposits added in NMI 2020, 35 deposits with 640 million tonnes resources were reported in freehold, 34 deposits with 921 million tonnes resources in private leasehold and one deposit with 124 million tonnes resources reported in public leasehold categories.

Out of the total increase in resources, Odisha reported 1,851 million tonnes and Karnataka 369 million tonnes. Besides, an increase of about 196 million tonnes was reported together from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana & Uttar Pradesh states. Bihar and Meghalaya states reported no change in resources. Further, depletion of about 845 million tonnes resources was reported from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

A sizeable quantity of about 7,442 million tonnes (31%) of iron ore (haematite) have been estimated under inferred and reconnaissance categories. If these areas are examined for further detailed exploration, the confidence level of resource position of iron ore (haematite) in the country may improve further.

A total of 1,127 deposits of iron ore (haematite) have been covered in NMI as on 01.04.2020. Out of which, 448 deposits are in freehold areas, 626 deposits are in leasehold private areas and 53 deposits are in leasehold public areas.

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

(In '000 Tonnes) (+)**1,117,183** (-)243,478 (+)227,978 (+)302,172 (-)802,187 (-)1,986,934 (+)1,086,403 (-)45,741 (-)350,940 (-)321,938 (+)303,310 (+)807,278 (+)1,809,562 (+)5,125 (+)157,908 (+)23,305 No change (-)28,653 (+)1,847(-)1,192 No change (-)41,578 (+)62,207 (-)298Net change (-)257,488(+)240,808(+)20,196(+)42,468(+)105,484(+)146,468(+)1,697(+)96,199(-)41,458 (+)7,841(+)65,752(+)967,082No change +)328,915Total resources 2,574,466 7,608,306 175,236 1,710,155 1,399,818 19,106 28,653 65,139 01.04.2015 22,486,965 1,988,474 564,962 1,260,420 ,350,705 7,275,626 315,626 31,429 869 292,200 1,673,967 157,833 647,077 1,324,579 599,293 69,649 20,007 421,877 419,966 241,426 859,985 383,020 115,217 160,234 378,914 1,702,416 246,459 214,022 1,352,029 1,356,619 116,375 118,656 377,833 525,382 1,772,279 5,621,372 3,074,877 1,627,796 1,417,355 240,234 185,220 1,725,721 388,140 **8,392,809** 176,488 65,139 902,453 01.04.2020 19,106 33,126 2,157,983 1,847 114,919 869 341,805 77,490 ,388,959 488.504 950,387 416,044 85,759 3,134,141 ,730,351 (-)209,997 (-)1,978,366 (+)662,751 (+)5,125 (+)157,908 (+)23,305 (-)1,192 No change (+)39,918 (+)389,423 No change (-)13,865 (+)739,765 (+)**1,117,183** (-)41,578(+)62,207(-)40,966Net change (-)147,142(-)200,824(+)23,598No change (+)328,915(-)45,703(-)280,904(+)258,161(+)1,321,030(+)14,870(+)227,001(-)243,478(+)227,978(+)302,172(+)42,468(+)105,484(-)298(+)146,468(+)1,697(+)23,061(+)1,847Remaining resources 1,150,092 6,167,154 1,725,796 214,334 438,791 752,136 38,715 102,905 1,705,721 7,275,626 419,966 65,139 859,985 315,626 378,914 27,312 1,702,416 59,225 19,106 13,865 950,157 4,810 31,429 01.04.2015 1,485,105 156,851 1,114,567 354,485 378,673 1,399,818 1,115,183 241,426 383,020 115,217 160,234 869 291,95 246,248 67,192 1,204,201 1,208,318 478,709 1,141,559 2,435,597 53,585 329,906 1,728,782 118,656 377,833 525,382 185,220 1,725,721 388,140 4,188,788 2,388,547 1,118,438 **8,392,809** 1,627,796 19,106 28,408 65,139 33,126 869 01.04.2020 17,848,870 115,885 1,847 488,504 114,919 5,143 940,095 176,488 240,234 902,453 153,661 (-)203,798 (-)41,033 (+)13,807 (-)2,865 (-)38(+)227,317(-)8,566(+)423,652(-)161,962(+)417,856(-)14,788(+)42,154Net change (+)787,283(-)492+)263,392(-)56,665(-)7,029(-)592,190(+)488,5321,441,151 262,679 14,788 **5,421,751** 1,424,375 350,628 4,434 43,204 01.04.2015 248 188,862 310,263 982 208,286 598,568 210,012 244,809 30,934 15,197 72,331 Reserves 832,185 1,432,585 146,830 147,829 188,144 86,138 23,905 1,569 210 01.04.2020148,301 490 471,678 1,016,424 57,351 686,331 698,544 270,521 Lumps & Fines, unclassified grade Lumps & Fines, high grade Lumps & Fines, medium grade Lumps & Fines, high grade Lumps & Fines, medium grade Lumps, low & medium grade Lumps & Fines, low grade Lumps, Fines & Blue Dust Lumps & Fines, low grade Lumps, Fines & Blue Dust Lump, low grade Lump, unclassified grade Lump, low grade Lump, unclassified grade Fines, unclassified grade Fines, unclassified grade Lump, medium grade Lump, medium grade Fines, medium grade Fines, medium grade unclassified grade Black Iron Ore unclassified grade Beneficiable grade Beneficiable grade Lump, high grade Lump, high grade All India : Total Fines, high grade Fines, high grade Fines, low grade Lumps & Fines, Fines, low grade Lease status/Grade Black Iron Ore Unclassified Unclassified Low grade Not known reehold Others

Table-1 (Concld.)

		Reserves		Remai	Remaining resources		Tot	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
Leasehold (Private)	2,515,640	2,717,062	(-)201,422	5,696,094	4,703,102	(+)992,992	8,211,733	7,420,163	(+)791,5670
Lump, high grade	93,536	502,652	(-)409,116	662,563	272,374	(+)390,189	756,099	775,026	(-)18.927
Lump, medium grade	707,933	748,226	(-)40,293	1.920,101	1.793,020	(+)127,081	2.628,033	2.541,246	(+)86,787
Lump, low grade	167,013	129,268	(+)37,745	513,667	360,937	(+)152,730	680,680	490,205	(+)190,475
Lump, unclassified grade	210	248	(-)38	6,014	6,045	(-)31	6,224	6.294	(-)
Fines, high grade	ı	2,357	(-)2,357	2,053	2,498	(-)445	2,053	4,855	(-)2,802
Fines, medium grade	13,639	62,994	(-)49,355	26,303	132,454	(-)106,151	39,942	195,448	(-)155,506
Fines, low grade	77,069	200,570	(-)123,501	673,929	478,315	(+)195,614	750,998	678,885	(+)72,113
Fines, unclassified grade	490	982	(-)492	996	1,634	899(-)	1,456	2,616	(-)1,160
Lumps & Fines, high grade	190,830	177,986	(+)12,844	224,703	250,880	(-)26,177	415,533	428,866	(-)13,333
Lumps & Fines, medium grade		309,771	(-)10,658	468,095	371,099	966,96(+)	767,208	680,870	(+)86,338
Lumps & Fines, low grade		202,892	351,268	603,393	527,852	(+)75,541	1,157,553	730,744	(+)426,809
Lumps & Fines,									
unclassified grade	188,144	200,750	(-)12,606	120,534	180,515	(-)59,981	308,678	381,265	(-)72,587
Black Iron Ore	i	•	•	18,407	18,407	No change	18,407	18,407	No change
Lumps low & medium grade	i	14,788	(-)14,788	•	13,865	(-)13,865		28,653	(-)28,653
Others	23,905	30,934	(-)7,029	48,442	38,697	(+)9,745	72,347	69,631	(+)2,716
Unclassified	86,138	72,331	(+)13,807	144,686	75,593	(+)69,093	230,824	147,925	(+)82,899
Not known	1,569	4,434	(-)2,865	3,061	3,305	(-)244	4,630	7,739	(-)3,109
Lumps, Fines & Blue Dust	45,608	15,197	(+)30,411	28,107	4,810	(+)23,297	73,715	20,007	(+)53,708
Unclassified grade									
Beneficiable grade	66,283	40,681	(+)25,602	231,069	170,801	(+)60,268	297,352	211,482	(+)85,870
Leasehold (Public)	3,693,395	2,704,689	(+)988,706	3,759,967	5,086,487	(-)1,326,520	7,453,362	7,791,176	(-)337,814
Lump, high grade	738,649	921,723	(-)183,074	101,044	457,752	(-)356,708	839,693	1,379,475	(-)539,782
Lump, medium grade	724,652	692,925	(+)31,727	640,891	2,974,316	(-)2,333,425	1,365,543	3,667,241	(-)2,301,698
Lump, low grade	519,317	133,411	(+)385,906	457,524	249,675	(+)207,849	976,841	383,086	(+)593,755
Lump, unclassified grade	i	•		•	44,480	(-)44,480		44,480	(-)44,480
Fines, high grade	146,830	348,271	(-)201,441	•	146,697	(-)146,697	146,830	494,968	(-)348,138
Fines, medium grade	134,190	125,868	(+)8,322	275,445	492,666	(-)217,221	409,634	618,534	(-)208,900
Fines, low grade	71,232	109,693	(-)38,461	45,885	88,822	(-)42,937	117,117	198,515	(-)81,398
Fines, unclassified grade	i	•	•	•	40,000	(-)40,000		40,000	(-)40,000
Lumps & Fines, high grade	280,848	30,300	(+)250,548	135,350	27,677	(+)107,673	416,198	57,977	(+)358,221
Lumps & Fines,									
medium grade	717,311	288,797	(+)428,514	295,630	65,412	(+)230,218	1,012,941	354,209	(+)658,732
Lumps & Fines, low grade	144,384	7,120	(+)137,264	1,306,822	207,801	(+)1,099,021	1,451,206	214,921	(+)1,236,285
Lumps & Fines, unclassified	1	44,059	(-)44,059	1	142,541	(-)142,541	1	186,600	(-)186,600
Lumps, Fines & Blue Dust	•	•	1	1847	•	(+)1,847	1847	1	(+)1847
Low grade									
Lumps, Fines & Blue Dust	11,743	ı	(+)11,743	301	•	(+)301	12,044	1	(+)12,044
Onciassined grade Beneficiable grade	204,238	2,522	(+)201,716	499,229	148,647	(+)350,582	703,467	151,169	(+)552,298

figures rounded off

Table – 2: Total Resources of Iron Ore (Haematite) as on 01.04.2020 vis-a-vis 01.04.2015 (By States)

(In '000 Tonnes) State Total Resources Net Change As on 01.04.2020 As on 01.04.2015 All India: Total 24,057,905 22,486,965 (+) 1,570,940 Andhra Pradesh 341,062 395,616 (+) 54,554 Assam 30,890 12,600 (+)18,290Bihar No Change 5 5 55 Chhattisgarh 4,592,111 4,858,124 (-) 266,013 Goa 1,197,557 1,189,313 (+) 8,244 Jharkhand 4,710,146 5,286,417 (-) 576,271 Karnataka 2,835,992 2,466,854 (+) 369,138 Madhya Pradesh 356,999 329,963 (+) 27,36 Maharashtra301,544 294,103 (+) 7,441 Meghalaya 225 225 No Change Odisha 9,409,331 7,558,664 (+) 1,850,667 Rajasthan 35,480 38,404 (-) 2924 Telangana 105,627 53,181 (+) 52,446 Uttar Pradesh 86,330 58,000 (+) 28,330

figures rounded off.

Table - 3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Iron Ore (Haematite) as on 01.04.2020

(In '000 Tonnes)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India : Total		6,209,034	17,848,870	24,057,905
Andhra Pradesh		44,744	350,872	395,616
	Anantapur	446	202,470	202,916
	Cuddapah	38,772	55,050	93,822
	Guntur	-	80,000	80,000
	Krishna	-	343	343
	Kurnool	4,499	12,138	16,636
	Nellore	1,028	760	1,788
	Prakasam(Ongole H.Q.)	-	112	112
Assam		_	30,890	30,890
	Dhubri	-	18,290	18,290
	Kokrajhar	-	12,600	12,600
Bihar		-	55	55
	Bhagalpur	-	55	55
Chhattisgarh		1,593,732	2,998,379	4,592,111
	Balod	66,131	19,777	85,908
	Bastar	-	1,439,027	1,439,027
	Dantewara	1,469,149	1,154,487	2,623,636
	Durg	-	6,000	6,000
	Kabirdham	-	200,787	200,787
	Kanker	23,027	112,945	135,973
	Narayanpur	23,185	63,859	87,044
	Rajnandgaon	12,239	1,497	13,736
				(Contd.)

Table-3 (Concld.)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Goa		117,235	1,080,322	1,197,557
	North Goa	26,754	589,087	615,841
	South Goa	90,482	491,235	581,716
Jharkhand		534,677	4,175,469	4,710,146
	Singhbhum (West)	534,677	4,175,469	4,710,146
Karnataka		1,043,212	1,792,781	2,835,992
Kainataka	Bagalkot	19,543	15,480	35,023
	Bellary	810,439	1,181,640	1,992,078
	Chikmagalur	-	42,665	42,665
	Chitradurga	213,230	82,949	296,179
	Dawangere	· -	62,400	62,400
	Dharwar	-	12,485	12,485
	Gadag	-	10,202	10,202
	Haveri	-	78,810	78,810
	North Kanara	-	108,323	108,323
	Shimoga	-	20,450	20,450
	Tumkur	-	177,377	177,377
Madhya Pradesh		54,129	302,870	356,999
•	Betul	, <u>-</u>	10	10
	Chhatarpur	725	5,566	6,291
	Gwalior	7,116	23,068	30,184
	Jabalpur	45,076	167,369	212,445
	Katni	432	105,631	106,063
	Sagar	780	1,194	1,974
	Satna	-	32	32
Maharashtra		15,241	286,304	301,544
	Chandrapur	958	2,253	3,210
	Gadchiroli	10	200,123	200,133
	Sindhudurg	14,273	83,928	98,201
Meghalaya		-	225	225
	Khasi Hills East	-	225	225
Odisha		2,798,749	6,610,582	9,409,331
	Dhenkanal	-	1,120	1,120
	Jajpur	_	3,510	3,510
	Keonjhar	1,617,796	3,573,322	5,191,119
	Mayurbhanj	16,692	52,966	69,658
	Nawrangpur	-	2,650	2,650
	Sambalpur	-	50,000	50,000
	Sundargarh	1,164,261	2,927,014	4,091,275
Rajasthan		7,314	28,166	35,480
	Alwar	-	1,415	1,415
	Dausa	-	3,388	3,388
	Jaipur	2,595	7,860	10,455
	Jhunjhunu	3,946	3,717	7,663
	Sikar	773	385	1,159
	Udaipur	-	11,400	11,400
Telangana		-	105,627	105,627
	Khammam	-	78,387	78,387
	Karimnagar	-	27,240	27,240
Uttar Pradesh		-	86,330	86,330
	Jhansi	-	20,000	20,000
	Lalitpur	-	38,000	38,000
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2.3 IRON ORE (Magnetite)

Introduction

Iron ore is the basic raw material in iron & steel industry. Magnetite is one of the principal minerals of iron ore occurring in the form of oxides (Fe₃O₄). The important magnetite deposits are mainly reported from Prakasam (Ongole) district of Andhra Pradesh, South Goa district of Goa, Bababudan, Gargarikal, Kudremukh deposits in Chikmangalur, Hassan, North Kanara, Shimoga districts of Karnataka, Bhilwara district of Rajasthan, Dharmapuri, Salem, Thiruvannamalai ditricts of Tamil Nadu.

Basis of Grade Classification

The grade classification adopted in the inventory as on 01.04.2020 is in line with the recommendations of the Committee constituted for revision of End use Grade Classification with regard to the Possible Optimum Industrial Use (September, 2004). The classification is as follows:

1.	Metallurgical	Average (+) 38% Fe
2.	Coal Washery	64% Fe (min)
3.	Foundry	Actual use reported by exploitation agencies.
4.	Beneficiable	Fe 15% (min)
5.	Unclassified	Minimum & maximum range of values of chemical constituents are too wide to be fitted into any of the above grades.
6.	Not Known	The information on chemical constituents is not available or potential/actual use is not reported.
7.	Others	Those grades which could not be classified into above grades.

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 iron ore (magnetite) 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 iron ore (magnetite) in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at 11,228 million tonnes, of these about 203 million tonnes (2%) fall under 'reserve' category and the balance about 11,025 million tonnes (98%) under 'remaining resources' category. About 95% resources are in freehold areas and 5 % resources are in leasehold areas.

All India scenario of iron ore (magnetite) 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, grades and states. In Table-3 district wise reserves/resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

Of the total resources of Iron Ore (Magnetite) in the country, metallurgical grade is about 2,239 million tonnes (20%), coal washery grade 243 million tonnes (2%), unclassified 8,347 million tonnes (74%) and notknown 353 million tonnes(3%). Negligible quantity of resources is under beneficiable, foundary and others grade. Of the total metallurgical grade, about 89% of magnetite has been estimated in 2 states namely Karnataka (65%) and Rajasthan (23%). The balance 11% of metallurgical grade has been reported from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The coal washery grade magnetite are very limited and have been reported from Jharkhand & Rajasthan. Further, about 79% resources of not known grade has been reported from Karnataka state alone, and more than 89% resources of unclassified grade are shared by two states viz Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka.

Country's 94% resources of Iron Ore (magnetite) are located in four states namely Karnataka credited with 7,802 million tonnes (69%) followed by Andhra Pradesh 1,472 million tonnes (13%), Rajasthan 795 million tonnes (7%) and Tamil Nadu 529 million tonnes (5%). Besides, minor resources have been estimated in Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha & Telangana.

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

Ç		Reserves		Ré	Remaining resources		I	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	202,823	52,699	(+)150,124	11,024,791	10,736,455	(+)288,336	11,227,614	10,789,155	(+)438,459
Metallurgical	315	11,663	(-)11,348	2,238,244	2,185,521	(+)52,723	2,238,559	2,197,183	(+)41,376
Coal Washery	118,678	32,629	(+)86,049	124,368	65,636	(+)58,732	243,045	98,265	(+)144,780
Foundry	ı	1	1	836	836	No change	836	836	No change
Others	1,351	1,192	(+)159	6,923	6,633	(+)290	8,274	7,826	(+)448
Unclassified	82,479	909'9	(+)75,873	8,264,559	8,197,449	(+)67,110	8,347,038	8,204,056	(+)142,982
Not Known	ı	609	609(-)	353,064	280,379	(+)72,685	353,064	280,989	(+)72,075
Beneficiable	1	ı	1	36,798	1	(+)36,798	36,798	1	(+)36,798
Freehold	•		•	10,684,581	10,142,047	(+)542,534	10,684,581	10,142,047	(+)542,534
Metallurgical	1	1	1	2,231,637	1,877,893	(+)353,744	2,231,637	1,877,893	(+)353,744
Coal Washery	1	1	1	5,735	7,427	(-)1,692	5,735	7,427	(-)1,692
Foundry	1	1	1	836	381	(+)455	836	381	(+)455
Others	1	1	1	43	43	No change	43	43	No change
Unclassified	ı	1	ı	8,129,423	7,976,208	(+)153,215	8,129,423	7,976,208	(+)153,215
Not Known	ı	1	ı	280,109	280,095	(+)14	280,109	280,095	(+)14
Beneficiable	1	1	•	36,798	1	(+)36,798	36,798	ı	(+)36,798
Leasehold (Private)	202,190	51,878	(+)150,312	268,902	178,311	(+)90,591	471,091	230,189	(+)240,902
Metallurgical	1	11,287	(-)11,287	6,583	6,530	(+)53	6,583	17,817	(-)11,234
Coal Washery	118,678	32,629	(+)86,049	118,633	58,210	(+)60,423	237,311	90,838	(+)146,473
Foundary	ı	1	ı	1	455	(-)455	ı	455	(-)455
Others	1,351	1,192	(+)159	6,880	6,590	(+)290	8,231	7,783	(+)448
Unclassified	82,161	6,160	(+)76,001	135,028	106,241	(+)28,787	217,189	112,402	(+)104,787
Not Known	1	609	609(-)	1,779	284	(+)1,495	1,779	894	(+)882
Leasehold (Public)	633	822	(-)189	71,309	416,097	(-)344,788	71,942	416,919	(-)344,977
Metallurgical	315	376	(-)61	24	301,097	(-)301,073	339	301,473	(-)301,134
Unclassified	318	446	(-)128	109	115,000	(-)114,891	427	115,446	(-)115,019
Not Known	•	•		71.176	•	(+)71.176	71.176	•	(+)71 176

All India resources of iron ore (magnetite) have been increased by about 438 million tonnes(4%) as compared to previous inventory as on 01.04.2015. The overall increase in resources was mainly due to addition of 8 new freehold and one leasehold private deposits with 160 million tonnes resources and reassessment of resources in existing deposits. In Andhra Pradesh, an increase of 80 million tonnes was reported due to addition of a new freehold deposit and upward revision of resources in leasehold public deposit.

In Bihar, an increase of about 47 million tonne was recorded due to addition of a new freehold deposit and re-estimation in 2 freehold deposits. Resources of Chattisgarh increased by 95 million tonnes due to addition of a new leasehold private deposit and upward revision of resources in a leasehold private deposit. In Maharashtra, resources increased by 0.9 million tonnes due to addition of a new freehold deposits and upward revision in resources of a existing deposit. The Rajasthan state reported an increase of 178 million tonnes due to addition of two new freehold deposits and upward revision in resources of existing leasehold

deposits. About 22 million tonnes increase in resources of Tamil Nadu was reported due to addition of a new freehold deposit. About 16 million tonne resources increased in Telangana due to addition of 2 new freehold deposits. A nigligible increase in resources quantity was reported in Odisha state due to upward revision of resources of a leasehold private deposit. Resources has not been changed in Assam, Goa Jharkhand, Kerala, Nagaland and Meghalaya.

Of the total resources of iron ore (magnetite), about 6,383 million tonnes (57%) have been estimated under inferred category and 696 million tonnes (6%) under reconnaissance category. These resources are based on a very limited and preliminary exploration and require further exploration to enhance the confidence level of resource position of iron ore (magnetite) in the country.

A total of 159 deposits of Iron ore (magnetite) have been covered in the NMI as on 01.04.2020. Out of which, 123 deposits in freehold, 32 deposits in leasehold private and 04 deposits are in leasehold public areas.

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

(In '000 Tonnes)

			(III 000 Tollines)
Charles	Total Ro	esources	Net Change
State	As on 01.04.2020	As on 01.04.2015	
All India : Total	11,227,614	10,789,155	(+) 438,459
Andhra Pradesh	1,472,383	1,392,098	(+) 80,285
Assam	15,380	15,380	No Change
Bihar	49,439	2,659	(+) 46,780
Chhattisgarh	105,921	11,225	(+) 94,696
Goa	266,336	266,336	No Change
Jharkhand	10,667	10,667	No Change
Karnataka	7,802,171	7,802,190	(-) 19
Kerala	83,435	83,435	No Change
Maharashtra	1,788	885	(+) 903
Meghalaya	3,380	3,380	No Change
Nagaland	5,280	5,280	No Change
Odisha	242	152	(+) 90
Rajasthan	794,926	616,916	(+) 178,010
Tamil Nadu	528,901	507,037	(+) 21,864
Telangana	87,366	71,514	(+) 15,852

Table - 3: District wise Reserves/Resources of Iron Ore (Magnetite) as on 01.04.2020

(In '000 Tonnes)

State	District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India : Total		202,823	11,024,791	11,227,614
Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor Prakasam (Ongole H.Q)	<u>.</u> - -	1,472,383 9,180 1,463,203	1,472,383 9,180 1,463,203
Assam	Dhubri Goalpara Kokrajhar	- - - -	15,380 4,240 8,900 2,240	15,380 4,240 8,900 2,240
Bihar	Gaya	<u>-</u>	49,439 589	49,439 589
	Jahanabad Jamui	-	450 48,400	450 48,400
Chhattisgarh	Kanker Rajnandgaon	75,876 21,181 54,695	30,045 3,150 26,895	105,921 24,331 81,590
Goa	North Goa South Goa	4,990 3,251 1,739	261,345 2,330 259,015	266,336 5,581 260,755
Jharkhand	Gumla Hazaribagh Latehar Palamau Singhbhum (East)	- - - - -	10,667 147 32 672 6,185 3,630	10,667 147 32 672 6,185 3,630
Karnataka	Chikmagalur Hassan North Kanara Shimoga South Kanara	318 318	7,801,853 6,055,299 574,189 152,064 1,012,951 7,350	7,802,171 6,055,299 574,507 152,064 1,012,951 7,350
Kerala	Kozhikode Malappuram	<u>.</u> - -	83,435 79,225 4,210	83,435 79,225 4,210
Maharashtra	Chandrapur Gondia	578 578	1,210 500 710	1,788 500 1,288
Meghalaya	Garo Hills (East)	<u>.</u> -	3,380 3,380	3,380 3,380
Nagaland	Kiphire	<u>.</u> -	5,280 5,280	5,280 5,280
Odisha	Keonjhar Mayurbhanj	- - -	242 43 199	242 43 199
Rajasthan	Bhilwara Jhunjhunu Sikar	121,060 118,678 2,017 365	673,866 667,031 2,559 4,276	794,926 785,709 4,576 4,642
Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri Erode Namakkal Nilgiris Salem Thiruvannamala Tiruchirapalli Villupuram	- - - - - - -	528,901 109,700 6,055 25,161 7,517 253,668 126,000 50 750	528,901 109,700 6,055 25,161 7,517 253,668 126,000 50 750
Telangana	Adilabad Karimnagar Mahbubnagar Warangal	- - - - -	87,366 31,500 14,650 1,202 40,014	87,366 31,500 14,650 1,202 40,014

2.4 MANGANESE ORE

Introduction

Manganese ore is an indispensable raw material in the manufacture of steel where it is used in the form of ferro-manganese and also as a direct feed to the blast furnace. The important non-metallurgical uses of manganese ore are in the manufacture of dry battery and chemicals. In agriculture, it is used as a micronutrient for the plants. Manganese is also used in the manufacture of drier for paints and varnishes. It has important application in ceramic and glass industry as colouring agent. Manganese is also known for its decolorising properties. Chief manganese ore of commercial importance are (i) Pyrolusite (MnO2, Mn 63.2%); (ii) Psilomalane (manganese oxide, containing water and varying amount of oxides of Ba, K and Na as impurities; Mn commonly 45-60%) (iii) Manganite $(Mn_2O_2, H_2O, Mn 62.4\%)$; and (iv) Braunite $(3Mn_2O_2, H_2O_3)$ Mn SiO₃, Mn about 62% and SiO₂ about 10%).

The important manganese ore deposits in India mainly occur as bedded sedimentary (metamorphosed) deposits associated with Gondite series (Archean) in Madhya Pradesh (Balaghat, Chhindwara, Jabalpur Jhabua and Katni districts), Maharashtra (Bhandara and Nagpur districts), Gujarat (Panchmahal and Chhota Udaipur districts), Odisha (Sundargarh district) and with Kodurite series (Archean) (Koraput district), Andhra Pradesh (Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts) and Telangana (Adilabad district). Manganese ore also occurs in the form of lateritoid deposits. These ores contain appreciable quantities of iron and vary from manganese ore to iron ores through every gradation. Such deposits occur in Jharkhand (Singhbhum West district), Karnataka (Belgaon, Bellary, Dawangere, Gadag, North Kanara, Tumkur, Chitradurga and Shimoga districts), Odisha (Keonjhar district), Rajasthan (Banswara and Jaipur districts) and West Bengal (Midnapur district). Goa also has important deposits of manganese ore.

Basis of Grade Classification

In the inventory as on 01.04.2020 resources of manganese ore have been classified into the following grades:

1. Battery/ $MnO_{3}:72\%$ (min) Chemical grade Cu, Pb, Cr & Ni: in traces

Blast Furnace (BF) Mn: 25 to below 35% P: 0.2% (max)

 $Al_{2}O_{3}:7.5\%$ (max) SiO₂: 13% (max)

Ferro Manganese Mn: 38% (min)

P:0.2% (max)

Mn: Fe ratio 2.5: 1 (min),

7:1 (max)

Mn: 35 to 37% Medium Grade

Mixed Grade

Ferro-Manganese & Medium Mixed Grade

7. Medium & B.F. Mixed grade

Ferro - Manganese, Medium & B.F. Mixed grade.

9. Ferro-manganese & **B.F Mixed Grade**

10. Low Mn(+)18% to (-) 25%

11. Beneficiable Mn: 10% (min.)

12. Others Estimation for marketable

> grades which could not be classified into above

grades.

13. Unclassified The range of maximum and

> minimum value of chemical constituents is too wide to fit into any of the above

grades.

14. Not known The information on

> chemical constituents are not available or potential/ actual use is not reported.

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 manganese ore 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 manganese ore in the country as on 01.04.2020 are estimated at about 504 million tonnes; of these total resources, 75 million tonnes (15%) falls under 'reserve' category and balance 429 million tonnes (85%) are under 'remaining resource' category.

Out of the total resources, about 166.86 million tonnes (33%) have been placed in freehold, 197.92 million tonnes (39%) in leasehold private and 138.84 million tonnes (28%) in leasehold public areas.

All India scenario of manganese ore 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, district-wise reserves/ resources as on 01.04.2020 have been given.

In the total resources, BF grade constitutes 148.44 million tonnes (29%); Ferro manganese, medium and BF mixed grade 84.21 million tonnes (17%); Medium grade 34.43 million tonnes (7%); Medium and BF mixed grade 51.08 million tonnes (10%); Ferro-manganese 42.07 million tonnes (8%); Low grade (-25% Mn) 30.76 million tonnes (6%); Ferro-manganese and BF mixed 21.24 million tonnes (4%) and Mixed grade 25.37 million tonnes (5%) and beneficiable 29.33 million tonnes (6%). About 36.54 million tonnes (7%) resources are placed under unclassified, not known and others grade, due to paucity of data for classifying these resources into any specific end use grade. A meagre quantity of 0.2 million tonnes is placed under Battery/chemical grade.

A comparison of grade wise resources as on 01.04.2020 vis-a-vis 01.04.2015 shows that there is an increase in resources in almost all grades except medium,unclassified and ferromanganese & BF grade.

The state of Odisha has been endowed with the

largest share of total resources of manganese ore in the country at 172 million tonnes (34%). These resources have mainly been distributed in 3 districts, namely Keonjhar (116 million tonnes), Sundergarh (52 million tonnes) and Bolangir (2 million tonnes).

Karnataka has about 124 million tonnes (25%) resources estimated in nine districts, major being Chitradurga (31 million tonnes), North Kanara (29 million tonnes), Bellary (23 million tonnes), Tumkur (30 million tonnes), Shimoga (4 million tonnes) and Belgaum district (3 million tonnes).

In Madhya Pradesh about 60 million tonnes (12%) of resources are estimated mainly in Balaghat (47 million tonnes), Jabalpur (10 million tonnes) and Chhindwara (2 million tonnes) districts.

Maharashtra has 59 million tonnes (12%) resources estimated in Nagpur (36 million tonnes) and Bhandara (23 million tonnes) districts.

In Goa about 35 million tonnes (7%) of resources are estimated in South Goa (27 million tonnes) and North Goa (8 million tonnes) districts.

The balance 10% resources are accounted together by other states namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Telangana and West Bengal.

An overall increase of about 7.75 million tonnes resources has been recorded in the inventory as on 01.04.2020 as compared to earlier inventory as on 01.04.2015.

The total resources of Odisha state has been decreased by about 45 million tonnes in inventory as on 01.04.2020 as compared to previous inventory 2015. It is noticed that the decreased in resources was mainly due to downward revision in resources of leasehold private deposits despite addition of five new deposits with 11 million tonnes resources (three leasehold private and two freehold deposits).

In the state of Goa, a minor increase of 0.08 million tonnes of resources is reported from South Goa district due to re-estimation of resources in two private leasehold deposits.

In Karnataka, an addition of about 12.91 million tonnes of resources is recorded in inventory 2020; of which, about 6.29 million tonnes increase was due to addition of four new freehold deposits.

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Ferro Manganese & BF

Low (-) 25 % Mn

Beneficiable

Medium & BF mixed

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

(In '000 Tonnes)

Net change (+)7,750No change (-)18,253 (+)4,485(+)2,600(+)5,547(+)7,540(+)4,335(-)4,662(+)1,465(+)45,164No Change (+)2,884(+)11,149(+)8,448No Change (+)3,327(-)8,059(+)683(+)9,981Vo Change (+)1,36101.04.2015 36,520 52,683 495,874 40,897 21,030 25,898 17,578 9,654 57,848 3,408 Total resources 47,757 79,723 23,484 1,495 142 12,735 9,285 167 29,291 19,351 121,697 13,277 01.04.2020 42,067 34,430 48,437 25,365 30,756 2,178 12,538 503,624 167 51,084 84,208 21,236 18,939 15,425 29,332 198,991 142 15,335 68,997 17,733 13,277 3,408 Net change (-)7,955 (+)26,184No change (-)31(-)18,828+)17,818 No Change (+)8,883(+)4,330(+)6,920(-)4,083(+)1,099(+)5,992(+)778(+)45,164(+)2,884(+)2,600+)11,149(+)8,448Vo Change No Change (+)11,261Remaining resources 01.04.2015 25,282 49,409 19,518 3,408 402,399 29,662 41,878 8,780 57,848 37,957 23,280 27,386 22,115 1,400 15,565 142 12,735 9,285 21,697 9,654 13,277 38,545 23,848 2,178 3,408 01.04.2020 25,251 59,696 28,485 14,160 26,826 12,538 15,335 128,583 30,581 44,877 19,197 14,772 166,861 142 68,997 17,733 167 13,277 (-)1,343(-)1,280(+)576(-)579(+)366(-)95 (+)5,579(-)105 Net change (-)18,434(-)3,593(-)13,332(-)4,631Reserves 93,475 11,237 1,235 3,786 01.04.2020 01.04.2015 3,274 1,512 9,800 37,844 2,618 1,905 8,798 1,370 95 16,816 3,850 2,039 2,506 75,041 9,892 1,517 6,207 24,512 4,167 1,265 2,271 Ferro Manganese & BF Medium & BF Mixed Medium & BF mixed Medium & BF Mixed Ferro Manganese, Ferro-Manganese Ferro Manganese, Ferro-Manganese Low (-) 25 % Mn Battery/Chemical Battery/Chemical All India: Total Freehold: Total Lease status/Grade Beneficiable Unclassified Not Known Medium Medium Others Mixed Mixed

Table-1 (Concld.)

		Reserves		Re	Remaining resources		Ţ	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
Unclassified	1	ı	1	6,131	4,607	(+)1,524	6,131	4,607	(+)1,524
Not Known	1	ı	•	1,927	1,288	(+)639	1,927	1,288	(+)639
Leasehold (Private)	41,251	59,760	(-)18,509	156,673	200,443	(-)43,770	197,924	260,203	(-)62,279
Battery/Chemical	1	•	•	8	8	No change	8	8	No change
Ferro-Manganese	16,102	10,478	(+)5,624	11,307	14,928	(-)3,621	27,409	25,405	(+)2,004
Medium	3,850	3,274	(+)576	14,670	36,139	(-)21,469	18,519	39,414	(-)20,895
BF	7,881	10,187	(-)2,306	50,943	53,275	(-)2,332	58,824	63,461	(-)4,637
Mixed	1,517	1,512	(+)	6,115	9,958	(-)3,843	7,633	11,470	(-)3,837
Medium & BF Mixed	3,168	2,986	(+)182	15,796	15,582	(+)214	18,964	18,568	(+)396
Ferro Manganese,									
Medium & BF mixed	1	15,641	(-)15,641	11,106	10,442	(+)664	11,106	26,083	(-)14,977
Ferro Manganese & BF	2,039	2,618	(-)579	15,530	19,666	(-)4,136	17,569	22,284	(-)4,715
Low (-) 25 % Mn	1,234	1,154	(+)80	7,953	8,100	(-)147	9,187	9,254	-67
Others	4,167	8,798	(-)4,631	13,899	8,206	(+)5,693	18,066	17,005	(+)1,061
Unclassified	1,265	1,370	(-)105	6,204	15,682	(-)9,478	7,469	17,052	(-)9,583
Not Known	•	9.5	26(-)	242	102	(+)140	242	198	(+)44
Beneficiable	28	1,648	(-)1,620	2,899	8,354	(-)5,455	2,927	10,002	(-)7,075
Leasehold (Public)	33,790	33,715	(+)75	105,049	80,259	(+)24,790	138,839	113,974	(+)24,865
Battery/Chemical	1	1	•	17	17	No change	17	17	No change
Ferro-Manganese	714	760	(-)46	1,406	701	(+)705	2,120	1,461	(+)659
Medium	1	1	•	576	535	(+)41	576	535	(+)41
BF	2,011	1,049	(+)962	18,605	18,539	99(+)	20,616	19,588	(+)1,028
Mixed	1	1		•	275	(-)275	1	275	(-)275
Medium & BF Mixed	3,039	6,814	(-)3,775	15,804	860'6	(+)6,706	18,843	15,912	(+)2,931
Ferro Manganese,									
Medium & BF mixed	24,512	22,203	(+)2,309	45,182	28,028	(+)17,154	69,694	50,232	(+)19,462
Low (-) 25 % Mn	1,037	751	(+)286	14,207	14,006	(+)201	15,244	14,757	(+)487
Others	1	1	1	14	14	No change	14	14	No change
Unclassified	1	ı	1	1,825	1,825	No change	1,825	1,825	No change
Not Known	1	1	1	10	10	No change	10	10	No change
Beneficiable	2,478	2,138	(+)340	7,403	7,211	(+)192	9,881	9,349	(+)532
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In Maharashtra, a net increase of about 22 million tonnes resources have been recorded which includes 1.62 million tonnes due to addition of two new frehold, three new leasehold private and one new leasehold public deposits. The rest of the increase in resources was mainly recorded in leasehold private deposits.

In Madhya Pradesh, a net increase of about 2 million tonnes resources have been recorded. About 3 million tonnes increased due to addition of four new (one freehold & three leasehold private) deposits and 6 million tonnes increased due to re-estimation of resources in sixteen leasehold private and two leasehold public deposits. Nearly 7 million tonnes of resources decreased due to re-estimation of resources in leasehold private and public deposits.

In Telangana, a net increase of about 3 million tonnes has been recorded due to addition of four new (one freehold & 3 leasehold private) deposits and reestimation in 3 leasehold private deposits.

In Andhra Pradesh, a net increase of about 12.20 million tonnes resources have been recorded. Which includes 7.94 million tonnes due to addition of fifteen new (one freehold & fourteen leasehold private) deposits. The rest of the increase was accounted by upward revision of resources in existing leasehold deposits (both private and public).

In Rajasthan, about 3.37 million tonnes of resources decreased due to re-estimation in resources of one leasehold private deposit.

In Jharkhand, a net increase of about 3.12 million

tonnes resources have been recorded which includes 0.08 million tonnes of resources due to addition of one new freehold deposit. An increase of 4.60 million tonnes resources recorded due to re-estimation of resources in two freehold deposits and one each deposit in private & public sector. However, nearly 1.56 million tonnes decreased due to re-estimation of resources in one deposit each in freehold, private and public sector.

Manganese resources are also reported from the states of Gujarat and West Bengal, where it shows no significant change in resources as compared to erlier inventory of 2015.

Total 39 new deposits were added during the five year span of National Mineral Inventory i.e. from 01-04-2015 to 01-04-2020, which include 26 leasehold private, 12 freehold and 1 leasehold public deposits. This has resulted in a cummulative addition of about 25 million tonnes of resources in current inventory.

A sizeable quantity of the total resources of manganese ore constituting about 130 million tonnes (26%), has been estimated under inferred and reconnaissance categories. These resources are based on a very limited and preliminary exploration. A detailed exploration in these areas may improve the confidence level of resources.

A total of 731 deposits have been covered in the inventory as on 01.04.2020. Out of this, 333 deposits are in freehold and 398 deposits in leasehold (364 leasehold - private and 34 leasehold - public).

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

(In '000 Tonnes) Total Resources State Net Change As on 01.04.2020 As on 01.04.2015 All India : Total 503,624 495,874 (+) 7,750 Andhra Pradesh 29,844 17,645 (+) 12,199 Goa 34,501 34,416 (+) 85 2,888 Gujarat 2.875 (-) 13 Jharkhand 14,749 11,629 (+) 3,120 Karnataka 123,972 111.064 (+) 12,908 Madhya Pradesh 57,713 (+) 2,344 60,057 Maharashtra 59,036 36,619 (+) 22,417 Odisha 171,528 216,403 (-) 44,875 Rajasthan 2.359 5,727 (-) 3,368 Telangana 4,503 1,568 (+) 2,935 200 200 West Bengal No Change

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

(In '000 Tonnes)

State Name	District Name	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
All India: Total		75,042	428,583	503,624
Andhra Pradesh		8,088	21,756	29,844
	Srikakulam	-	100	100
	Vizianagaram	8,088	21,656	29,744
Goa		65	34,436	34,501
	North Goa	-	7,695	7,695
	South Goa	65	26,741	26,806
Gujarat		695	2,180	2,875
	Panchmahals	-	2,180	2,180
	Chhota Udaipur	695	-	695
Jharkhand	a (****)	1,059	13,691	14,749
	Singhbhum (West)	1,059	13,691	14,749
Karnataka		15,464	108,508	123,972
	Belgaum	-	3,433	3,433
	Bellary	13,871	9,056	22,927
	Chikmagalur	-	130	130
	Chitradurga	250	31,056	31,307
	Dawangere	1,257	1,242	2,499
	Gadag	-	25	25
	North Kanara	-	29,307	29,307
	Shimoga	-	4,065	4,065
	Tumkur	86	30,192	30,279
Madhya Pradesh		19,558	40,499	60,057
	Balaghat	14,992	32,297	47,288
	Chhindwara	1,366	620	1,985
	Jabalpur	2,790	6,939	9,729
	Jhabua	410	353	763
	Katni	-	291	291
Maharashtra		17,733	41,303	59,036
	Bhandara	7,152	16,200	23,352
	Nagpur	10,582	25,103	35,685
Odisha	D. 1	11,470	160,058	171,528
	Bolangir	-	2,009	2,009
	Keonjhar Koraput	9,658	106,083	115,741
	Mayurbhanj	-	1,248 57	1,248 57
	Rayagada	-	322	322
	Sambalpur	_	120	120
	Sundargarh	1,812	50,219	52,030
Rajasthan		568	1,790	2,359
	Banswara	568	1,280	1,849
	Udaipur	-	510	510
Telangana		342	4,162	4,503
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West Bengal	Midnanur	-	200	200
	Midnapur	-	200	200