

Output/Trade

Indian production of Chromite was 1.088 million tonnes in 1992/93, from mines located in Orissa, Bihar, and Karnataka. India has Chrome Ore reserves of 139 million tonnes, estimated to represent 4 per cent of the world total. The private sector accounts for about 70 per cent of production. Exports of chromite in recent years have ranged between 350-400 thousand tonnes, making the commodity among the most important mineral exports.

Recent Exploration Activity

The Geological Survey of India has established reserves of 145 million tonnes in the Sukinda area of Orissa based on work over the 1987-92 period. India's most important occurrence of nickel has also been identified in this geological area.

Prospects

In the Chrome Ore context, the India Investment Centre makes the general observation that "Investments for mining and transfer of cost-effective beneficiation technology and for production of value-added products could be beneficial."

Manganese

Major Producers

Manganese Ore (India) Ltd. (Government of India)
Orissa Manganese and Minerals (Pvt.) Ltd. (Private)
Tata Iron and Steel Ltd. (Tisco) (Private)
Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Ltd. (Private)
Orissa Mining Corp. Ltd. (State government owned)
Mysore Minerals Ltd. (State government owned)
Orissa Mineral Development Corp. (State government owned)
RBSSD & F.N. Das (Private)
S.K Sarawagi & Co. Ltd. (Private)

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Manganese occurs widely in India, notably in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka and Goa. Ore resources (proved, probable and possible) are estimated at 370 million tonnes. Production in 1992/93 totalled 1858 thousand tonnes, slightly over half in the private sector. According to Banerjee, 1992, there are 173 manganese mines in India, the majority of the production from which supplies seven ferromanganese plants. Manganese is currently considered to be in oversupply.