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Mineral Map of Meghalaya (1 inch=16 miles).

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INTRODUCTION

The need for a composite compilation of information on the various mineral deposits available in the State of Meghalaya, both from the point of planning for further investigations as also from the point of providing requisite basic information for future mineral-based industries that could be set up in the State, has been felt for a long time. This booklet on "Minerals for Industrial use" is a result of this long-felt need.

The data contained in this booklet have been taken from both the published and the unpublished reports of the field investigating agencies like the Geological Survey of India, the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Assam as well as the State's own newly formed Directorate of Mineral Resources. Some other publications, brochures available on the subject have also been consulted.

Coal, limestone and clay being the major minerals of the State have been given rather elaborate treatment in view of their economic importance. They are therefore given a chapter each. A lot of investigation work is yet to be carried out in the case of the other minerals mentioned in the subsequent chapters of this booklet. A shelf of mineral investigation projects to be undertaken by the Directorate of Mineral Resources has already been drawn up for the Fifth Five-Year Plan to enable the State to know in detail what it is worth in terms of mineral resources.

Considering the semi-technical nature of the subject matter dealt in this booklet, and the comparatively short time in which it has been produced, it is all too likely that some minor errors and mistakes may have crept in. Suggestions for improving upon the material of the booklet will be gratefully accepted.