

**INDUSTRIAL MINERALS &
DIMENSION STONES SECTORS**

Status of Industrial Minerals and Dimension Stones Sector

Industrial Minerals

Rock Salt, Limestone, Gypsum, Fireclay, China Clay, Silica Sand, Bauxite, Dolomite, Magnesite, Bentonite and Fuller's Earth exploited on medium to large-scale.

Dimension Stones

Granite, Marble and Sand Stone quarried on large-scale as dimension stones.

NOTE

Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are the richest provinces in industrial minerals (rock salt, gypsum, limestone, fuller's earth, Dolomite etc.), metallic minerals (iron ore, copper, gold, lead, zinc, chromite, etc.) dimension stones and gemstones, respectively.

Resource Potential of Industrial Minerals & Dimension Stones

Mineral	Reserves (million tons)	Grade
Barite	13.708	Medium to High
Fireclay	100.00	Medium to High
Fuller's earth	Fairly Large	Medium to High
Granite	4,140.00	Medium to High
Gypsum	4,850.00	Medium to High
Limestone	Large	High
Magnesite	12.00	Medium to High
Marble	Very Large	High
Phosphate	7.00	Low to Medium
Red Oxide	100.00	Low to Medium
Rock Salt	Very Large (inexhaustible)	High
Silica Sand	557.00	Medium to High

Investment Opportunities in Mining Sector

- **Huge Coal resources** (*Thar, Sonda-Jherruk, Lakhra, etc.*)
- **High grade resources of Marble & Granite** (*Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan*).
- **In-exhaustible deposit of Rock Salt** (*Salt Range Punjab & Jatta-Bahadar Khel, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*).
- **Substantial precious and semi-precious stone deposits** (*Aquamarine, Emerald, Garnet, Peridot, Ruby, Topaz & Tourmaline in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan & AJK*).
- **Large metallic mineral deposits** (*Copper, Chromite & Lead-Zinc in Balochistan, iron ore in Punjab & Balochistan*).