

Foreword

Mining and Quarrying is an important sector of national economy. Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS) has been conducting Census of Mining Industries regularly since 1962-63. The last report published in the series relates to the year 2002-03. Earlier the term "Census of Mining Industries" (CMI) was used. Now it has been changed to "Census of Mining & Quarrying Industries" (CMQI) in order to avoid confusion with "Census of Manufacturing Industries" (CMI).

This report presents results of the "Census of Mining & Quarrying Industries" for the year 2004-05. However production series from 1999-00 to 2004-05 have also been incorporated in the report. The census report provides data on employment size, employment cost, intermediate cost, miscellaneous costs, indirect taxes, gross value of production and value added in the mining sector at national and provincial levels.

Federal Bureau of Statistics is grateful to the Directorate General, Mines & Minerals (Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, and Balochistan), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources and Mines Owners, Association for convincing mining establishments to furnish the requisite information to FBS.

I hope that this publication will be useful as a reference document for researchers, policy makers and also for mining sector in Pakistan.

Suggestions for improvement of contents and presentation for future issues of this publication would be welcome.

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