Bethemcherla Lime Stone Cluster

1	Name of the Cluster	Bethemcherla Polished Stone
2	Place	Bethemcherla
3	District	Kurnool
4	State	Andhra Pradesh
5	No of firms (by type)	200 Micro and 50 Small polished Stone Units (100 are defunct) 400 Quarries(Micro), Slab Trading Units 150
6	No. of workers	10000 in quarries, 3000 in Polishing units and 3000 in other support firms
7	Turnover	Rs. 2800 Million
8	Associations in cluster	1. Slab-polishing Units Association
		2. Polishing Workers' Association
		3. Slab-loaders' Association
9	Major products	Many varieties of slabs are available for flooring purposes. Black slabs which are general ones are available with everyone. Polished slabs which come in the dimensions of 12*12 inches or any desired inches will be available in green, pink, white, and some limited colors
10	Specific and relevant technical institutions (R&D, Testing Lab accredited)	AP Mineral Development Corporation National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad Indian Bureau of Mines
11	Major markets	Within country – AP, Maharshtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamilnadu
		Export – Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
12	Major problems/prospects	**Problems:** ▪ Low skillsets of workers in advanced polishing & Cutting ▪ Limited product diversification ▪ Availabulity of low weight Lime slabs in Tandur Cluster ▪ High environmental pollution through improper discharge of wastes and ▪ Poor in-process quality checks ▪ Poor Infrastructure facilities ▪ Lack of container facilities ▪ Lack of testing facilities ▪ Limited emphasis on waste management
13	Data source and updated on	Based on article published by ruralfinance.org and state statistics