Chimakurthy Granite Processing Cluster

1	Name of the Cluster	Chimakurthy Granite Processing
2	Place	Chimakurthy
3	District	Prakasham
4	State	Andhra Pradesh
5	No of firms (by type)	43 Micro and 84 Small firms =127
6	No. of workers	15,000
7	Turnover	Rs.470 millions
8	Associations in cluster	1. The Granite SME Association", Ongole
		2. The Bodhawada Granite Factory Owners Association"
9	Major products	1. Slabs, Tiles and blocks of various sizes
10	Specific and relevant technical institutions (R&D, Testing Lab accredited)	1. Indian Bureau of Mines 2. Geological Survey of India 3. National Mineral Development Corporation
11	Major markets	Within country – AP, Maharashtra, Karnataka
		Export – USA, China, Japan, and European market etc
12	Major problems/prospects	• Non accessibility to raw material due to preference of quarry owners to sell the raw material to processing firms outside the country for better returns. • Low Skilled manpower to operate high technology machines. • Least access to better technological tools. • Low infrastructure development within the cluster. • lacks in proper data bank and hence Entrepreneurs are unable to identify products in accordance with market needs, their skills, availability of raw material etc
13	Data source and updated on	DSR by APITCO for DC-MSME (June 2010)