

**A PRELIMINARY APPRAISAL OF MINERAL RESOURCES
IN THE NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE**

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The Geological Survey Department has recently carried out a preliminary survey in the Northwestern Province to assess its mineral resources potential. The survey has identified a number of economic mineral resources in widely scattered localities. Distribution patterns of some varieties reflect a close affinity with the main lithological units in Sri Lanka.

A detailed follow-up investigation of the relevant mineral occurrences is necessary for a complete evaluation of these resources.