[Section 4(1) (b) (i)]

Particulars of its organization, functions and duties

Vision & Mission

1.1 Ministry’s Vision and Mission are as below:

Vision

(i) Achieve optimal utilization of India's mineral resources through scientific, sustainable and transparent mining practices, exploration and geo-scientific research & development.

Mission

i) To develop geo-scientific partnerships with State Governments, Industry and other stakeholders for management of mineral resources both on land and offshore and development of mineral-based industries on scientific and sustainable basis.

ii) To ensure fairness and transparency in allotment of mineral concessions.

iii) To establish an e-governance mechanism for accountability of mineral resources from mine to end use/export.

iv) To ensure that the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) provide high standards of services to stakeholders.

Role and Organisation of the Ministry

Main Functions

1.2 Ministry of Mines is responsible for survey and exploration and mining of all minerals, other than natural gas, petroleum and atomic minerals and coal. In the case of atomic minerals and coal activities of the Ministry are limited to regional exploration. The Ministry is responsible for the administration of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, (67 of 1957) and rules made there under in respect of all mines and minerals other than coal, natural gas and petroleum. The Ministry also administers the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 and rules made there under.

1.3 List of Subjects Allocated to the Ministry of Mines:

(a) Legislation for regulation of mines and development of minerals within the territory of India, including mines and minerals underlying the ocean within the territorial waters or the continental shelf, or the exclusive economic zone and other
maritime zones of India as may be specified, from time to time by or under any law made by Parliament.

(b) Regulation of mines and development of minerals other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing and any other mineral declared as prescribed substances for the purpose of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 (33 of 1962) under the control of the Union as declared by law, including questions concerning regulation and development of minerals in various States and the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(c) All other metals and minerals not specifically allotted to any other Ministry/Department, such as aluminium, zinc, copper, gold, diamonds, lead and nickel.

(d) Planning, development and control of, and assistance to, all industries dealt with by the Ministry.

(e) Administration and management of Geological Survey of India.

(f) Administration and management of Indian Bureau of Mines.

(g) Metallurgical grade silicon.

Attached Office / Subordinate Office:

1.4 Geological Survey of India (Headquarters at Kolkata) is an attached office and Indian Bureau of Mines (Headquarters at Nagpur) is a subordinate office of the Ministry.

Public Sector Undertakings

1.5 There are three Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Mines, namely:

- National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Bhubaneswar
- Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), Kolkata
- Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), Nagpur

Autonomous Bodies

1.6 There are three Research Institutions which are Autonomous Bodies of this Ministry:

- Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur;
- National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM), Bengaluru, and;
- National Institute of Miners’ Health (NIMH), Nagpur.

1.7 In addition to one registered Society, namely, the Non-Ferrous Materials Technology Development Centre (NFTDC), Hyderabad which is non-grant institution within the administrative purview of Ministry of Mines.