

Industry & Minerals Division (I) Industry Sector

The Industry Division deals with the industrialisation issues including policies and programmes relating to large and medium industries. It handles matters concerning formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Plans and programmes for the larger and medium industries for the Annual and Five Year Plans in respect of both the Central Sector and States /UT's . The industry groups /industries being dealt with by the Division include engineering industries like capital goods industry, steel, non-ferrous metals, ship building, fertilizers, chemicals and petrochemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals, textiles including jute, electronics, paper and paper board, cement, sugar, leather, alcohol; other consumer industries, etc.

The division also deals with issues such as economic reforms, liberalisation, disinvestment, technology policies, public sector, foreign direct investment, exports, productivity, consumer protection, weights & measures, Patent/IPR/Trademark and similar other matters.

The broad functions of the Division are:

- a) To handle all matters relating to industrial policy and other associated policy issues.
- b) To deal with policies relating to the public sector enterprises including public enterprise reforms and privatization programmes as well as private sector development.
- c) To handle matters relating to industrial finance, financial institutions and capital markets.
- d) To study and analyse industrial statistics and undertake special studies relating to industrial development and sickness.
- e) To undertake appraisal and evaluation of industrial projects in the public sector.
- f) To implement policy issues relating to Disinvestment of PSUs.

- g) To formulate plans and programmes for development of various industrial sub-sectors and industries.

(II) Mineral Sector

The Mineral Unit deals with the issues relating to exploration and exploitation of minerals (other than coal, lignite and petroleum fuels). It handles matters concerning formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of plans and programmes for the mineral sector for the Annual Plan and Five Year Plans in respect of both Central Sector , States and U.Ts.

The unit also deals with the issues on Disinvestments of PSUs, Mineral Policies, Public Sectors, Foreign Direct Investment, Science & Technology, Research & Development, Productivity and similar other matters.

The broad functions of the mineral unit are:

- To handle all matters relating to mineral policy and other associated policy issues relating to mineral development including investment promotion, infrastructure development, foreign direct investment and technology transfer.
- To deal with disinvestments policies of PSUs under mineral sector.
- To handle matters of sick mineral units in their restructuring.