1. **Organisation and Function**

1.1 Particulars of organisation, functions and duties [Section 4(1)(b)(i)]

(i) Name and address of the organization: DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MINES SAFETY, HIRAPUR, DHANBAD, JHARKHAND- 826 016

(ii) Head of the organization: SHRI P. K. SARKAR, DIRECTOR-GENERAL

(iii) (a) Vision: To attain risk and hazard free conditions of work and welfare of persons employed in the mines.

(b) Mission & Key objectives: To identify and reduce risk of accidents and diseases in and around the mine through:
- Development of suitable legislation, rules, regulations, standards and guidelines;
- Adequate measures to ensure compliance and
- Awareness initiatives to inculcate safety and health culture amongst work persons and stakeholders.

(iv) Function & duties:

1. Inspection of mines
2. Investigation into -
   (a) accidents
   (b) dangerous occurrences - emergency response
   (c) complaints & other matters
3. (a) Grant of:
   (i) statutory permission, exemptions & relaxations
   (ii) approval of mine safety equipment, material & appliances
   (b) Interactions for development of safety equipment, material and safe work practices through workshop etc.
   (c) Development of Safety Legislation & Standards
   (d) Safety Information Dissemination
4. Conduct of examinations for grant of competency certificates
5. Safety promotional initiatives including:
   (a) Organisation of -
      ✓ Conference on Safety in Mines
      ✓ National Safety Awards
      ✓ Safety Weeks & Campaigns
   (b) Promoting -
      ✓ safety education and awareness programmes
      ✓ workers’ participation in safety management through -
        ▪ workmen’s inspector
        ▪ safety committee
        ▪ tripartite reviews
For administering the provisions of the Indian Mines Act, 1901, the Government of India set up a "Bureau of Mines Inspection" on the 7th January 1902 with headquarters at Calcutta. The name of the organisation was changed to Department of Mines in 1904 and its headquarters shifted to Dhanbad in 1908. On 01.01.1960, the organisation was renamed as "Office of the Chief Inspector of Mines". Since 01.05.1967, the office has been re-designated as Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS in short).

Under the Constitution of India, safety, health and welfare of workers employed in mines are the concern of the Central Government (Entry 55-Union List-Article 246). The objective is regulated by the Mines Act, 1952 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. These are administered by the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), under the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment. Apart from administering the Mines Act and the subordinate legislation there under, DGMS also administers some other allied legislation, including the Indian Electricity Act.