

CHAPTER – IV

SANCTION AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASE

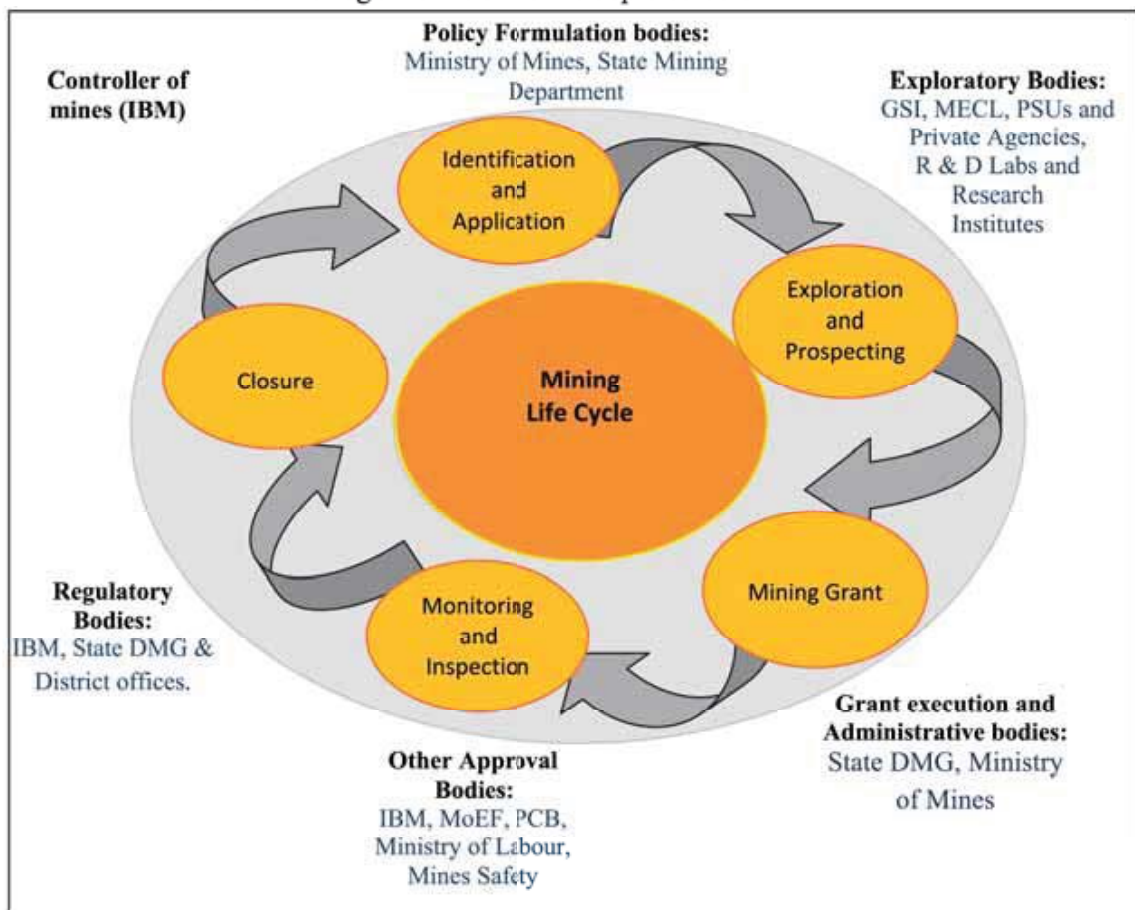
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All rights to minerals vest with the Government. The MMDR Act, the MC Rules and the KMMC Rules prescribe various powers and procedures for grant of concessions for mining. In this chapter, we discuss the compliance with procedures for grant of mining concessions.

4.1 Mining Cycle¹

The overall mining activity together with the stakeholders involved therein can be best brought out in the form of mining life cycle. The major stages involved in a mining cycle are identification of area and application, exploration and prospecting, grant of lease, monitoring and inspection of the mining activities and closure of the mines. Authorities/stakeholders empowered to implement, monitor and regulate the same are depicted below.



¹ Exploitation of major minerals is described as mining and that of minor minerals as quarrying. Reconnaissance and prospecting are done only in respect of major minerals. Leases are given for quarrying on public lands and licenses for operations on private lands.