

## **6. Functions of Minister**

The functions of the Minister are —

- (a) to promote the objects of this Act;
- (b) to encourage the development of industry policy for the benefit of the State;
- (c) to facilitate the planning and development of the infrastructure necessary to secure projects of significance to the State;
- (d) to liaise with, and receive advice from, the Council;
- (e) to establish and manage technology parks;
- (f) to promote State industry overseas through the establishment and maintenance of activities, relationships, representations and offices in selected countries;
- (g) to encourage and facilitate the commercialization of the intellectual property and other resources of departments of the Public Service or of State agencies or instrumentalities;
- (h) to use the expertise and resources of the department to provide consultative, advisory or other services for profit;
- (i) to turn to account any intellectual property that is vested in the Minister;
- (j) to apply for, hold, exploit and dispose of any patent, patent right, design right, copyright or similar right; and
- (k) to further the objects of this Act by providing financial support, in accordance with Part 3.