

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Dt. 05.05.2026

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 6174 / 2023

BHOPAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

DR. SUBHASH C. PANDEY & ORS. RESPONDENT (S)

1. This Earth and this Nation are what we all have in common. We are confident that a group of committed civil servants, officers, people's representatives, and foot soldiers vested with the power to administer the SWM Rules, 2026, can spread the light of preserving this planet and this Nation from man-made destruction. The statutory framework introduced under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, will be the change for the progress and well-being of the Indian citizens. It should be the shared commitment to leave behind a tolerable planet for future generations. Their thanks for preserving the planet will not be heard by us, but our willingness to sacrifice, work tirelessly for them, and dedicate ourselves will leave the mark of our conscience for times to come.

Mitin te kan inan tlanna pakhat chu he khawvela cheng leh hnam bik theuh nei kan nihna hi a ni. SWM Rules, 2026 kengkawh tura mahni hnaa inpe zo tak sorkar hnathawk te, officer te, mipui aiawh te leh a bulhuta hnathawktu tlawmngai tak tak te hi kan ringtawk em em a. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 hnuaia dan leh hrai duante hi India khua leh tuite hmasawna leh thatna thlentu a ni ang. He dan hi hun lo la awm tura kan tu leh fate tana khawvel nuam tak hnutchhiah tura kan vaia tanrualna tur a ni. Kan chenna khawvel chhe zel tur kan ven avanga thaththar zawkte lawmthu sawina chu kan hre hman tawh lo a nih pawhin, an tana kan inpekna te, tha thlah lova kan thawhna te hian hun lo kal zel turah rah tha tak a chhuah ngei dawn a ni.

2. Apropos the order dated 29.04.2026, the (i) Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ("MoEFCC"); (ii) Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; (iii) Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ("MoHUA"); (iv) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; (v) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development; and the Chief Secretaries of the States and Union Territories have participated in today's hearing. A few Chief Secretaries contributed to the hearing, and others have appreciated the need of the hour to implement the SWM Rules, 2026, and the statutory obligations on the Executive and local bodies. Most of the State lawyers also attended the proceedings.

Ni 29.04.2026-a thuchhuah (order) chungchangah, (i) Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC); (ii) Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; (iii) Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA); (iv) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; (v) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development; leh State leh Union Territory hrang hranga Chief Secretary-te chu vawiina thu ngaihtuahna (hearing)-ah hian an tel a. Chief Secretary thenkhatin ngaihdan an thawh a, midangte pawhin SWM Rules, 2026 kalpui nghal a tul thu leh sawrkar thuneitute leh khawtlang roreltute pawhin an mawphurhna hlenchhuah a tulzia pawh an pawm tlang hle. He thu ngaihtuahnaah hian State tin atangin ukil thahnem tak an tel nghe nghe a ni.

3. During the hearing, this Court has made it clear that the current common effort by all stakeholders is to persuade Solid Waste generators to participate and prevent environmental pollution contrary to the law's mandate. This Court, as intimated in its earlier orders, reposes trust in the local, state and central administration, and if the desired result is not achieved, decides to strengthen the administration within the framework of the Environment Protection Act, 1986, before finally declaring the inbuilt incompetency in the administrative set-up to handle the solid waste generated by human activity.

He thu ngaihtuah lai hian, bawlhhlawh paihtute chu a sawngbawl dan tur dik taka sawngbawl tur leh hmun hma vawn thianghlim chu helam kaihhnawiha hnathawktu zawng zawngte mawphurhna a nih thu Court chuan a hriattir a. Thupek hmasa lama sawi tawh angin, a nih

dan tur dik taka bawlhhlawh tha tak sawngbawl kawngah tualchhung, State leh Central thuneitute chu Court chuan a ring tawh a. Hetih rual hian, beisei anga hna an thawk thei lo a nih chuan, mipui bawlhhlawh sawngbawlina kawnga thawk tha tawh lo anga puan an nih hmanin, Court chuan Environment Protection Act, 1986 hmangin an inrelbawlina kalphung chu a thuam chak thei thung a ni.

4. Keeping the above in perspective, the MoEFCC is directed to issue a notification under Section 23 and delegate the powers under Section 5 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986, to the District Collectors across the country for a period of one year, exclusively for supervising, administering and implementing SWM Rules, 2026, within their jurisdictional limits. The District Collectors are directed to constitute and dedicate a 'Special Cell' not only to oversee the implementation, but in given circumstances, to issue directions for the stoppage of water/electricity to bulk generators of solid waste who disobey the directions or disregard the Rules. The District Collectors are directed to conduct virtual spot inspections of the dumping sites, implement the rules, and fortnightly prepare and forward the report to the designated Secretaries in the respective States. The directions, if any, issued by the District Collectors under the delegated authority are understood as directives issued in furtherance of the orders of this Court.

A chungah tarlan takte zulzui hian, MoEFCC chu Section 23 hnuaiah hriattirna tichhuak tur leh Environment Protection Act, 1986-a Section 5 hnuaia a thuneihnate chu ram chhunga District Collector-te hnenah kum khat chung atan hlan turin hriattir an ni a, hei hi an bial chung theuha SWM Rules, 2026 vil, enkawl leh kengkawh nan chauh a ni ang. District Collector-te chu he dan kengkawh tur hian 'Special Cell' din tura hriattir an ni a, he cell hian hnathawh dan endik chauh ni lo, thupek zawm lova bawlhhlawh tam tham tak siamchhuaktute chu tui leh electric tihtawpsak thlengin thuneihna an nei ang. District Collector-te chu bawlhhlawh paihna hmun (dumping sites) te dan hmanga uluk taka taka vila enfiah tur leh, an enfiahna chu kar hnih dan zela anmahni State theuh Secretary-te hnena report thehlut thin tura hriattir an ni a. District collector-te chu thuneihna pek an nih angin, thupek an chhuah reng reng chu he Court thuchhuak anga ngaih tur a ni ang.

5. The Regional Officers of the respective Pollution Control Boards shall also be included in the Special Cell directed to be set up under the supervision of the District Collector. The Regional Officers of the respective Pollution Control Boards are directed to conduct field inspections of authorised and unauthorised dump yards/sites within their jurisdictions and forward photographs to the District Collector and Local Bodies for further action and compliance. The District Collector issues directions to ensure that Solid Waste is transported, managed, and disposed of by vehicles authorised by the Local Bodies. This enables the Local Bodies not only to regulate but also to prevent unauthorised dumping along roadsides, railway tracks, lakes, foothills, etc.

Pollution Control Board hnuaia regional officer-te chu District Collector enkawlina hnuaia 'Special Cell'-ah hian an tel ngei tur a ni a. Anni hi an bial chhunga bawlhhlawh paihna hmun te enfiah tur leh, hmalak ngai awm leh dan zawm a nih leh nih loh dan te chu a thla la a, District Collector leh Local Body-te hnenah an lo bawhzui atana thawn thin tura hriattir an ni. District Collector hian bawlhhlawh te hi a paihna tura ruahman bik lirtheia paih a nih dan te, a paihna tur hmunah ngei paih a nih theih dan tur dan tur chungchang thuchhuah a siam tur a ni a. Hei hian Local Body-te chu thuneihna a pek bakah, kawngpui sir, rel kawng, dil leh kalkawng vela phalna nei lova bawlhhlawh paih thinte an ven phah thei dawn a ni.

6. The District Collectors are directed to prepare a brief summary of the performance/progress of the implementation of the SWM Rules once a month and submit it to the respective secretaries. The respective secretaries, in turn, with an abstract, certifying assessment of progress and deficiency within their respective states, forward the report to the concerned Ministries, viz, (i) Secretary, MoEFCC; (ii) Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; (iii) Secretary, MoHUA; (iv) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; and (v) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development for filing the abstract of the report in this Court.

District Collector-te chu thla khatah vawi khat SWM Rules hman/kenkawh kawnga hmasawwna leh hnathawh dan tawi fel taka siam a, Secretary-te hnena thehlut turin hriattir an ni. Secretary-te chuan an state chhunga hmasawwna leh hmabak te enfiahin, report tlangpui chu Court-a thehluh tur hian a hnuaia Ministry-te hnenah hian an thawn leh ang: (i) Secretary, MoEFCC; (ii) Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; (iii) Secretary, MoHUA; (iv) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; leh (v) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development.

7. The first phase of monitoring by the Secretaries in the Union of India and the Secretaries in the State/UTs of municipal corporations, municipalities and gram panchayats is set out as follows:

(1) The District Collectors are directed to communicate the orders of this Court dated 19.02.2026, 29.04.2026 and 05.05.2026 (the present order) through the respective Commissioners/Executive Officers/Panchayat Secretaries, who shall, in turn, communicate the same to the elected ward members/corporators/councillors.

(2) The State Governments are directed to incentivise good performance by prioritising grants to which well-performing local authorities or local bodies are entitled. Conversely, defaulting local bodies shall attract penal consequences for non-compliance with the Rules.

(3) The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and the Urban Development Secretary are directed to explore a roadmap to incorporate knowledge of and obligations under the Solid Waste Management Rules into the functioning of elected representatives as part of the representative process in local bodies.

Central Secretary te leh State Secretary ten endikna thawhkhatna an neih dan tur chu hetiang hian duan a ni:-

1) He Court Order ni 19.02.2026, 29.04.2026 leh 05.05.2026 (he order kal lai mek) te hi District Collector ten an bial chhung theuha Commissioner/Executive Officer/Panchayat Secretary-te, chutiang vekin, anni hian thlan tlin ward member/corporator/councillor-te hnenah an hriattir leh chhawng tur a ni.

2) State Sawrkar chuan LC/VC leh ULB thawk thate chawhphurna leh chawimawina turin lawmman an dawn theihthe a ngaipawimawh tur a ni a. Chutih rualin, ULB emaw LC/VC thawk tha lo leh dan zawmlote chu an chungah a tul anga hremna a lekkawh tur a ni.

3) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj leh Urban Development Secretary te chu thlan tlin hruiute'n (Corporators/Councillors) SWM Rules, 2026 chungchanga thiamna zau zawk an neih nan leh an mawhphurhna te an hriat theihna turin ruahmanna siam tura hriattir an ni.

8. The Secretaries, viz, (i) Secretary, MoEFCC; (ii) Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; (iii) Secretary, MoHUA; (iv) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; and (v) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, are directed to deliberate upon and explore the inclusion of contributions under Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR") by industries for the establishment of Compressed Biogas plants or such other latest technology as may be available for converting waste into energy into the extant scheme and the modalities for availing the funds. Such contributions shall, to the requisite extent, compensate and follow principles similar to the Polluter Pays Principle for the overall upkeep of local bodies. This is not to strictly enforce the principle of the Polluter Pays, but for the amelioration of the environment, CSR funds shall be utilised exclusively for the improvement of local bodies within whose jurisdictions the contributing industries are located. We direct that such contributions be prioritised within the schemes operated by the Union of India.

Heng Ministry hrang hranga Secretary te - (i) Secretary, MoEFCC; (ii) Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; (iii) Secretary, MoHUA; (iv) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; and (v) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development te chu bawlhhlawh atanga energy siam chhuahna (Waste to Energy) emaw Compressed Biogas plant emaw technology thar dangte din nana industry te'n Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) hnuaia sum an thawh theih dan tur leh scheme awm sate nena thlunzawm dan tur leh sum hman dan turte ngaihtuah leh enfiah tura hriattir an ni. Chutiang atanga sum hmuhte chu a tul ang zelin, tualchhung inrelbawlina (local bodies) enkawlina atan, 'A tibawlhhlawhtu apiangin man an chawi tur a ni' (Polluter Pays Principle) tih thupui nena inmil takin an hman tur a ni ang. Hei hi 'Polluter Pays Principle' khauh taka kenkawh tumna ni lovin, hmun hma tihhmasawwna atan a ni a, CSR sumte chu a thawhtu industry-te awmna tualchhung hmasawwna atan chauh hman tur a ni. Heng sum te hi India Sawrkar laipui (Union of India) hnuaia scheme hrang hrang tana dah pawimawh hmasak tur a ni.

9. The Chief Secretaries are directed to circulate the Form IV under the SWM Rules, 2026, by 15th May, 2026; receive the filled data, collate it, and forward it to the Respective Secretaries of the Union of India for enhanced and efficient performance monitoring of the local bodies.

SWM Rules, 2026 hnuaia Form IV chu May 15, 2026 aia tlai lova sem chhuak vek turin Chief Secretary-te chu hriattir an ni a. Hetah hian tualchhung inrelbawlina kengkawhtu (local bodies) ten hnathawh an vil dan leh an endikna report an ziate chu lakhawmin, sawrkar laipuia Secretary-te hnenah a thawn tur a ni ang.

10. The Chief Secretaries are directed to identify tourist-centric beaches, tourist places, and pilgrim centres, and to put in place a special mechanism for implementing the SWM Rules, 2026, at such locations.

Chief Secretary-te chu zin miten an tlawh nasat deuh deuh, heng - lui kamte, hmun hmingthangte leh sakhaw biakna hmun pawimawhte thlang chhuak tur leh chung hmunah te chuan SWM Rules, 2026 kalpui a nih theih nana ruahmanna hran siam tura hriattir an ni.

11. The Chief Secretaries are directed to conduct an inventory of the implementation of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended from time to time), in their respective jurisdictions and, through the Secretary, MoEFCC, submit a report on strict compliance with the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. Including handholding of Gram Panchayats for identification and registration of Bulk Waste Generators' activities related to EBWGR certification, Legacy waste, dumpsite remediation, etc., as applicable in rural areas. Presently, nearly 1,700 ULBs have registered on the CPCB's EPR Portal. The State must advise all ULBs, giving a timeline in a graded manner, to register on the EPR Portal.

Chief Secretary-te chu an bial chhung theuhva Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (a khat tawka siamthat te chu) hman a nih dan enfiah tur leh Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 tha taka zawm a nih dan chungchang ziakin Secretary, MoEFCC-ah thehlut tura hriattir an ni. Hemi chhungah hian thingtlang khua te tana hman ve theih turin, Gram Panchayat-te kaihhruaina hnuaia Bulk Waste Generators-te thlan chhuah leh ziahluh te, EBWGR certification te, legacy waste leh dumpsite remediation chungchangte pawh a tel a. Tunah hian ULB 1,700 vel chu CPCB EPR Portal-ah an in-register tawh a. State sorkar chuan ULB zawng zawngte chu hun bituk mumal tak siamsakin, EPR Portal-a in-register tura hriattir tur a ni.

12. Annexures 8 and 9 in the latest status report filed by the Union of India refer to the responses by States/Union Territories to the identified bottlenecks and the compilation of action plans submitted by States/Union Territories. The concerned Ministries in the Union take up these issues and respond to the bottlenecks within three weeks from today. The Secretary, MoEFCC, is treated as the nodal secretary for filing reports for and on behalf of all the departments. The supervision, administration and implementation of the SWM Rules, 2016, shall remain with the respective departments, and the Secretaries are called upon not to forward the reports sent by the States, but have them scrutinised or examined in the respective departments and submit an abstract to this Court.

Sawrkar laipuiin status report thar ber, Annexure 8 leh 9 a tihchhuahah chuan State leh Union Territory-ten harsatna leh an thanmawhbawh ania an ngaih chungchanga an chhanna leh an hmalakna tur ruahmanna (action plans) siamte tar lan a ni a. Sawrkar laipui hnuaia Ministry kaihnnawih-te chu heng harsatnate hi enfiah a, an thanmawhbawh nia an sawi te chu kar thum chhunga a chin fel dan tur ngaihtuah turin a hriattir a. MoEFCC Secretary chu department zawng zawng aiawha report thehluttu tur, Nodal Secretary-ah ruat a ni. Chutih rualin, Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2016 kalpui dan leh enkawl kawnga mawhpurhna chu department hrang hrangte kutah a awm chhunzawm zel ang. Secretary-te chu State-te atanga report an dawnte thawh chhawng tawp lova, an department-ah uluk taka enfiah leh zirchiang a, a tawi fel taka khaikhawmna (summarized report) Court-a thehlut turin hriattir an ni bawh.

13. In the course of deliberation, it has been pointed out that, for the present, the administrative sanction for advancing Solid Waste Management Projects is being delayed, and may not be adhered to. Our attention is drawn to MoHUA guidelines for Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM-U). There are three levels, and considering the methodology adopted in SBM-U, we are of the view that Solid Waste Management Projects are undertaken and approved in accordance with SBM-U. Consequently, we direct that the 3 levels, from ULBs to State Governments to the Central Government, be integrated in a paperless manner through technology under the Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban. There is no

requirement of any other approval at the Council or any other forum/authority. A similar paperless, technology-driven lean approval method could be used by all State Governments for all Solid Waste Management projects funded through sources other than SBM-U. Once the projects are approved by the National Advisor and Review Committee ("NARC"), the DPR preparations and technical sanctions must be delegated to competent authorities in the State, so that no more than three levels are involved in such sanctions for Solid Waste Management projects. The respective State General Financial Rules (GFRs) may be considered appropriately. Once the projects are approved by the NARC, the State matching share must also be kept ready to avoid any delay in providing it.

He thil ngaihtuahhona-ah hian, Solid Waste Management (SWM) project-te pawmpuina (sanction) hmuh a tlai thin thu tar lan a ni a. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) kaihhruainaah ULB, State Sawrkar leh Central Sawrkar-te telna level thum (three-level) approval system hman chungchang tar lan a ni bawk. Court chuan SWM project-te hi SBM-U system zuiin kalpui a ni tih a hmu a. Chuvangin, rang taka pawmpui a nih theihna tur leh a awlsam zawk nan SBM-U hnuaiah hian level thumte hi lehkhah hman ngai lo (paperless) leh tunlai thiamna hmangin system inthlunzawm tur a ni. Council emaw thuneitu dangte hnen a tang emaw pawhin pawmpuina dang lak belh a ngai tur a ni lo. Court chuan SBM-U ni lo, hmun dang a tang a SWM project sum hmuh zawng zawngah pawh State Sawrkar-te'n hetiang bawk lehkhah hman ngai lo leh tunlai thiamna hmanga pawmpuina (approval system) hi hmang ve turin rawtna a siam ni. Tin, National Advisor and Review Committee (NARC)-in project a pawmpui tawh hnuaah, DPR siam leh technical approval-te chu State thuneitu mithiamte'n an buaipui tur a ni a, hei hian pawmpuina lak kawngah level thum aia tam a awm loh nan a pui thei ang. State Sawrkar-te'n an General Financial Rules (GFRs) an hmang thei ang. Court chuan NARC-in project a pawmpui tawh chuan, hna tan a nih huna a khaihlak loh nan State Sawrkar-in a tum ve tur (matching share) sum chu a peihsa reng tur a ni tih a hriattir bawk.

14. The financial difficulties faced by the Union, the Union Territories and the States have been brought to our notice. We record the challenges and the views expressed by the States regarding the financial challenges to report compliance under the SWM Rules, 2026. With respect to addressing Financial Availability for SWM Rules 2026 implementation:

Sawrkar Laipui, Union Territory-te leh State sorkarte'n sum leh pai lama harsatna an tawhte chu Court-ah thlen a ni a. SWM Rules, 2026 hnuaia thupek zawmna (compliance report) chungchanga sum leh pai lama harsatna leh State-te'n an ngaih dan an rawn sawite chu chhinchhiah a ni. SWM Rules 2026 hlawhtlin nana sum leh pai awm theih dan (Financial Availability) chungchangah hmalak theih dan te chu:

14.1 SBM-U and SBM-Grameen funds are available to States for implementing SWM projects in local bodies. Timely and complete utilisation of these funds is a mandate of the State Governments.

SBM-U leh SBM-Grameen sumte hi tualchhung inrelbawlina hmun hrang hrangah bawhlhlawh sawngbawlina hna kalpui nan hman theih turin a awm a. Heng sumte hi a hun takah a vaiin hman zawh ngei tur a ni a, chu chu State sorkarte mawhphurhna a ni.

14.2 Many States have made their own State budget provisions to supplement the SWM & sanitation activities.

State tam tak chuan bawhlhlawh sawngbawlina leh faina kawnga hmalatute chhhawmdawl nan anmahni State budget a tangin sum an dah hrang ve bawk a ni.

14.3 Many States have effectively been able to mandate funds from the Finance Commission for sanitation spending.

State tam tak chuan Finance Commission aṭanga sum lo kalte chu faina kawnga hman turin ruahmanna mumal tak an siam ṭhin baw.

14.4 Large ULBs have also been able to bring in CSR support from corporates. The Bio-CBG is currently witnessing interest from many PSUs. States can fully leverage the same.

Tualchhung inrelbawlina (ULB) lian zual te chuan corporate lian tak takte aṭangin ṭanpuina (CSR support) an hmu thei a. Bio-CBG lamah pawh sorkar hnuaia sumdawnna lian (PSU)-te'n an ngaihven mek a, State dangte pawn hetiang hmalakna hi an chhawr ṭangkai thei a ni.

14.5 Large PPP projects for SWM can also be prepared by State Governments on a regional/ cluster basis, and funds can be availed too from the recently launched Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) by MoHUA.

Bawlhhlawh sawngbawlina (SWM) atana sorkar leh mimal thawmdunna hmalakna lian (PPP projects) te chu State sorkarte'n bial hrang hrang emaw, hmun hrang hrang fawmkhawm (cluster) angin an ruahman thei a. MoHUA hnuaia kalpui thar Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) aṭang pawhin heng hmalakna atan hian sum a dil (avail) theih baw a ni.

14.6 States should plan sanitation and SWM projects by converging multiple funding sources. Especially in rural areas, States must make adequate provisions from their own resources so that Gram Panchayats can carry forward these activities.

State-te chuan faina (sanitation) leh bawlhhlawh sawngbawlina (Solid Waste) project-te hi sum hnar hrang hrangte (converging) hmangin an ruahman tur a ni. A bik takin thingthlang lama Gram Panchayat-te'n hetiang hmalakna hi an kalpui theih nan State-ten anmahni sum hnar (own resources) aṭangin ruahmanna an siam tur a ni.

15. On the above, we direct the Secretary, MoHUA, to convene a meeting with all the Chief Secretaries and place before this Court, a resolution on how to address the financial problem faced by the local bodies, and the extent to which the Union of India can assist the States/UTs.

Secretary, MoHUA chu Chief Secretary zawng zawngte nen thutkhawm ṭhin tura hriattir a ni a. Tualchhung inrelbawlina kengkawhtu (local bodies)-ten sum leh pai lama harsatna an tawh dan leh, sawrkar laipui (Union)-in State leh UT-te a ṭanpui theih dan tur chungchangah Court hmaah hian thutlukna (resolution) an rawn thlen tur a ni.

16. The inadequate human resources in Local Bodies have been brought to this Court's notice. We take note of the population growth in the Country and the increased density of population at all three levels Villages, Municipal and Corporation.

Court hnenah tualchhung inrelbawlina (Local Bodies) lama hnathawktute an in daih taw lo tih hriattir a ni a. Court chuan ram chung hmun hrang hrang – thingthlang khua, municipality te, leh municipal corporation-ahte mihring punna leh an bit dan sang chho zel pawh a chhinchhiah baw a ni.

17. Presently, there is no material to appreciate the enhancement of human resources or wherewithal by the State Governments, commensurate and proportionate to the increased population, and the consequent increase in Solid Waste. Therefore, we direct the States/UTs to review the sanctioned and available manpower in urban and rural local bodies to fill the identified vacancies in a time-bound manner. States/UTs may also consider creating a dedicated cadre within rural local bodies, funded from their own resources, for SWM and sanitation service delivery, thereby developing the technical capacities of rural local bodies. Gram Panchayats are categorised by population size to assign appropriate staff, ensuring at least a full-time Panchayat Secretary and technical support in every Gram Panchayat. Over and above the State matching share under SBM-U, the State should provide necessary interventions for short-term and long-term capacity building of local bodies.

Tun dinhmunah chuan, mipui pung zel leh bawlhhlawh tam zel milin State sawrkar-te hian hnathawktu leh hmanraw dangte an titam sawt tih tar lanna chiang tak a la awm lo a. Chuvangin, State/UT-te chu khawpui leh thingtlanga tualchhung inrelbawlina (local bodies)-a hnathawktu awm thei zat leh awm mekte enfiah a, hna ruak awmte hun tiam chhunga hnawhkhat tura hriattir an ni. State/UT-te hian mahni sum hmangin thingtlang tualchhung inrelbawlinaah bawlhhlawh sawngbawlina (SWM) leh faina hna thawk bik tur hnathawktu an ruat thei bawk ang. Hei hian thingtlang tualchhung inrelbawlina hnathawktute thiamna leh theihna a tichak dawn a ni. Gram Panchayat-te hi mihring tam dan azira thliar hnan tur a ni a, tichuan thawktu mumal tak ruat theih a ni ang. Gram Panchayat tinte chuan hun puma thawk tur Panchayat Secretary pakhat emaw tal leh technical support staff an nei tur a ni. SBM-U hnuaia State tih tur bakah hian, State-te chuan tualchhung inrelbawlina pawl (local bodies) te thiamna leh theihna tichakna turin a ÷ul angin hma a la tur a ni.

18. The Secretary, MoEFCC, is directed to exclusively take up the legacy waste issues with the Chief Secretaries, receive their response and file a report on further direction noted on this behalf.

Secretary, MoEFCC chu Chief Secretary-te nen bawlhhlawh inchhekkhawh (legacy waste) chungchang sawipui tura hriattir a ni a. An chhanna te la khawmin, he mi chungchanga hmalak lehna tur report a thehlut tur a ni.

19. The progress of the first phase is monitored on 25.05.2026 and, subsequently, on 15.07.2026. The establishment of mobile courts will be examined after hearing the parties on 15.07.2026.

Hmalakna hmasa ber (first phase) hmasawn dan chu May 25, 2026-ah thlithlai a ni ang a, chumi hnuaah July 15, 2026-ah thlithlai leh a ni ang. July 15, 2026-a an ngaih dan ngaihthlak a nih hnuaah mobile court din chungchangte chu ngun taka enfiah a ni ang.

20. The Orders of this Court are translated into regional languages by the respective States, and along with the soft copy of this Order, the translated version is circulated to all concerned.

He Court thupêkte hi State hrang hrangte'n an mahni tualchhung ÷awngin an letling tur a ni a. He thupêk soft copy leh a lehlin (translated version) hi hmalakna tura mawhphurtu hrang hrangte hnenah sem chhuah tur a ni bawk.

21. On appreciating the compliance reports filed by the States, we notice that on the following points, the State Governments implement and file a status report to the Secretary, MoHUA and the Secretary, MoEFCC for further action at both ends:

State-ten an hmalakna chungchang (compliance report) an thehluhte thlirlet a nih hnuin, State tin ten a hnuaia tarlan hrang hrangah hian hma an lak a tul tih hmuhchhuah a ni a, an hmalakna chungchang (report) te chu Secretary, MoHUA leh Secretary, MoEFCC-te hnenah an thehlut tur a ni:-

a. Local Self Governments (“LSGs”) must bring in source segregation with focus on BWGs. Door to door mapping of waste generators can be done with the Safai Supervisors challaning the non-compliant generators. The focus on BWGs needs to be complete and absolute.

Tualchhung sorkarte (LSGs) hian bawlhhlawh chhuahna hmun ngeia then hran (source segregation) hi an kalpui tur a ni a, bawlhhlawh siam chhuak hnem bikte (BWGs) chungchangah hi ngaih pawimawhah a nei tur a ni. Bawlhhlawh siam chhuaktute chu in tinah thlithlaiin (mapping), thupek zawm lo apiang chu Sanitation Supervisor-te’n an chawi tir (challan) tur a ni. BWGs-te hi uluk lehzuale enzui bik an ngai a ni.

b. LSGs must upgrade their collection and transportation to have completely closed vehicles for secondary transportation.

LSGs-te hian bawlhhlawh khawn leh thiar chhuahna kawngah ruahmanna an siam tur a ni a, bawlhhlawh an thiar khawmna lirthei (secondary transportation) te chu an khuh phui tha hle tur a ni.

c. LSGs must use technology to map Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs) and ensure that there is no recurrence by using a mix of penalties and improved collection systems.

LSGs-te hian tunlai thiamna hmangin bawlhhlawh paih khawmna hmun (Garbage Vulnerable Points - GVPs) te chu an chhinchhiah tur a ni. Heng hmuna bawlhhlawh a inchhekkhawl tawh loh nan hremna leh bawlhhlawh lakkhawm dan mumal zawk hmangin ruahmanna an siam tur a ni.

d. All high footfall areas must be identified by that are garbage-prone and a mix of initiatives like - Swachhata Marshals (community patrollers), strict enforcement amongst vendors, twice-a-day sweeping, and additional manpower as per seasonality requirements, declarations of no-Single-Use Plastic zone and its enforcement, etc.

Mihring veivah tamna leh bawlhhlawh tlinkhawm chakna hmun bikte zawn chhuah tur a ni a. Heng hmuna te hian hmalakna hrang hrang - Swachhata Marshals (Tualchhung Faina Viltu) ruat te, sumdawngte khauh taka thunun te, ni khata wawi hnih hmun phiah te leh hun bi azira hnathawktu lak belh te kalpui tur a ni. Heng hmunte hi No-Single-Use Plastic zone a puan a, dan pawh khauh taka lekkawh tur a ni.

e. Special Purpose Vehicle is set up only for Solid Waste Management with specialisation in the processing of all streams of waste. While primary collection and transportation of waste can be the ULBs' mandate, efficient operation of processing plants can be the SPVs' specialised domain. Even collection and transportation can be handed over to the SPV, as per well-structured KPIs.

Bawlhhlawh chi hrang hrangte sawngbawl a nih theih nan 'Special Purpose Vehicle' (SPV) din tur a ni a. Bawlhhlawh lakkhawm leh phurh khawm hi tualchhung thuneitute (ULBs) mawhphurhna ni mah se, a sawngbawl na hmun (processing plants) enkawl erawh chu SPV-te kutah bik a awm ang. Hmalakna tehfung (KPIs) felfai tak hnuaiah, bawlhhlawh khawn leh thiar hna pawh hi SPV-te kuta hlan theih a ni ang.

f. ULBs must designate at least 30 percent of their total funds for effective city cleanliness and solid waste management.

Tualchhung inrelbawl na kengkawhtu (ULBs) ten an sum neih zawng zawng atanga zaa sawmthum (30%) tal chu khawpui faina leh bawlhhlawh sawngbawl na atan an dah hrang tur a ni.

g. City cleanliness being a priority, States/UTs must evolve Ward cleanliness ranking which must be a criteria for providing incentives to a Ward. The Ward member/councillor/corporator will lead these activities with the help of a Ward Swachhata Committee with select members of the Ward as voluntary members.

Khawpui faina chu thil pawimawh tak a nih avangin, State leh Union Territory-ten Ward Fai inelna (cleanliness ranking) an siam tur a ni a, henga an ranking te hi Ward-te hnena lawmman (incentives) pek nana tehfung pawimawh tak a ni tur a ni. Ward member, councillor emaw corporator emaw-te'n Ward Swachhata Committee puihnain heng hmalaknana hi an ho tur a ni.

h. The city must designate waste handling areas in all new areas of planned expansion.

Khawpui zauh belh tumna hmun thar (planned expansion areas) apiangah bawlhhlawh buaipuina hmun (waste handling areas) hran an ruahman (designate) zel tur a ni.

i. There should be no dumping of waste or legacy dumpsites. Only rejects should be allowed to sanitary scientific landfill. The decentralised waste management sites must also be used to educate children and other citizens.

Bawlhhlawh paih mai mai emaw, bawlhhlawh dah khawm rengna hmun (legacy dumpsites) emaw a awm tur a ni lo. Thil hman tlak tawh loh tawp (rejects) chauh scientific landfill-ah a lut tur a ni. Tin, hmun hrang hranga bawlhhlawh enkawl na hmun (decentralised waste management sites) te chu naupang leh mipuite zirtirna hmun atan hman bawh tur a ni.

j. All wards should have a neighbourhood RRR centre (Reduce -Reuse Recycle) Centre so that citizens can use this to donate their used materials, electronic products, clothes, books, etc.

Ward zawng zawnga veng tinin 'RRR Centre' (Reduce-Reuse-Recycle) an nei vek tur a ni a; heng hmunah te hian mipuite'n an bungraw hman tawh, electronic thil, thuamhnaw, lehkhahu leh adangte an dah (donate) theih a ni ang.

k. Each big city must tie up with industry so that the Material Recovery Facility is the pick-up point for industrial recycling, including plastics, and the city can generate Extended Producer Responsibility Certificates from the same.

Khawpui lian te chuan industry-te nen thawhhohna siamin, 'Material Recovery Facility' chu industry-te'n plastic leh bawlhhlawh hman nawn theihle (recycling) an lak chhuahna hmun (pick-up point) a hman a nih theih nan ruahmanna an siam tur a ni. Hemi aṭang hian khawpui ten 'Extended Producer Responsibility Certificate' an pe chhuak thei ang.

22. The Urban, Rural, and MoEFCC ministries are directed to set out 'short', 'medium', and 'long-term' objectives to be accomplished by the State/UTs and their Local Bodies. The concerned Ministries shall file separate abstract statements in the following format by 24th of May, 2026 on the percentage of accomplishment by the State/UTs and their Local Bodies:

Urban, Rural leh MoEFCC ministry-te chu State/UT-ten an zawm theih tur (short, medium leh long-term) thil tum (objectives) siam tura hriattir an ni. Ministry thuneituten State/UT leh an tualchhung enkawl hnathawktu (ULB) te hmasawn dan tlangpui (percentage) tarlanna a hnuaia tarlan format hman hian May 24, 2026 aia tlai lovah an thehlut tur a ni:

Urban & Rural Local Bodies Phase I Targets

<u>State</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Percent Achieved</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mizoram			

24. The Registry is directed to communicate a copy of the Order dated 19.02.2026 to the Registrar Generals/Registrars of High Courts for taking appropriate action as an institution of the Judiciary in implementing the SWM Rules, 2026.

Order copy Dt. 19.02.2026 hi High Court hrang hranga Registrar General/ Registrar-te hnenah, SWM Rules, 2026 hi Judiciary hnuaia institution tina kalpui a nih theih nana hma an lakna turin Registry chu thawn tura hriattir an ni.