

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
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F.No.DE.40(6)/90/SCB/2026 / 2447-2456

Date: 29/04/26

CIRCULAR

Sub: Directions under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for implementation of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules 2026-Reg.

Please find enclosed herewith a letter F.No.DPCC/WMC-II/SWM, Rules 2026/2026/381-405 dated 22.04.2026 received from Director, DPCC along with a letter dated 25.03.2026 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI, regarding Directions under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for implementation of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules 2026, the awareness activities on Solid Waste Management are to be conducted for generating awareness among the students in the schools under DoE, GNCT of Delhi, which are as under:

S. No.	Theme for Activity	Awareness Points	Activities to be conducted on each themes in the schools	Schedule
1	Awareness on Solid Waste Management	1. Solid Waste Management and Environmental Sanitation. 2. Re-cycle and Re-use Waste. 3. Segregation of Waste Management. 4. Wrapping Sanitary waste securely & handing over segregated waste, how to minimizing waste	1. Lecture by the HoS / Teacher on generating Awareness on waste management. 2. Painting Competition 3. Essay writing Competition on 'Effective and feasible ways to segregate waste.' 4. Group discussion / seminar on how to minimizing waste and their management.	First week of May, 2026

In this regard, all District DDEs are requested to direct all the HoSs of Govt./ Govt. Aided/ Private Un-aided Recognized Schools of Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi to conduct the above said activities and submit the action taken report in format-I to the Science Branch, Old Gargi College Building, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024 at the mail ID: greeningdelhi@gmail.com latest by 08.05.2026.

This issues with the prior approval of the competent authority.

Encl. As Above


29/04/2026
(DR. SUDHAKAR GAIKWAD)
DDE (SCIENCE)

F.No.DE.40(6)/90/SCB/2026/2447-2456.

Date: 29/04/26

Copy for information and necessary actions to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCT of Delhi.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister (Education), GNCT of Delhi.
3. PS to Secretary (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
4. PS to Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Govt.
5. PS to Special Secretary, Environment Department, GNCT of Delhi.
6. PA to Director (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
7. PA to Director, (DPCC), GNCT of Delhi
8. All DDEs (District/Zone) to monitor & ensure the compliance please.
9. All the HOSs of Govt./Govt. Aided/Private Unaided Recognized Schools of Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
10. In-charge, Computer Cell with the request to upload the Circular on the Departmental website as well as public circular.

(DR. SUDHAKAR GAIKWAD)
DDE (SCIENCE)

Compiled Report on Activities on Solid Waste Management

Month:

Name of District:

Zones participated:

Total No. of Schools participated:

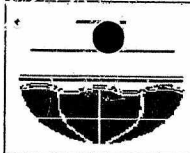
Govt. :

Govt. Aided :

Pvt.Unaided Recognized :

No. of students participated in			
Lecture by HoS / Teacher	Painting Competition	Essay writing Competition on Effective and feasible ways to segregate waste.	Group discussion / seminar on how to minimizing waste and their management.

Sign & Seal of DDE-District



DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
 Department of Environment, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
 3rd Floor, Block -I, DMRC IT Park, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053
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F. No. DPCC/WMC-II / SWM Rules, 2026/2026/381-405

Dated:22.04.2026

- To,
1. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Dr. S.P.M Civic Centre, JLN Marg, Delhi-110002.
 2. Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, Vikas Sadan, INA, Delhi-110023.
 3. Secretary, Environment Department, GNCTD, 6th Level, Delhi Secretariat, I.P Estate, Delhi-110002
 4. Secretary, Urban Development Department, GNCTD, 9th Level Delhi Secretariat, I.P Estate, Delhi-110002
 5. Secretary (Education), Education Department, Old Secretariat, New Delhi-110054
 6. Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council, Palika Kendra Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
 7. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi Cantt, Sadar Bazaar, New Delhi-110010
 8. District Magistrate, South-West Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Terminal Tax Building, Kapashera, New Delhi-37
 9. District Magistrate, Central Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi Flatted Factory Complex Building, Jhandewalan, Delhi-05
 10. District Magistrate, North Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi Alipur, Delhi - 110036
 11. District Magistrate, West Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi Plot No. 3, Shivaji Place, Near West Gate Mall, Raja Garden, New Delhi - 110027
 12. District Magistrate, South-East Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi Old Gargi College Building, Iajpat Nagar -IV New Delhi -110024
 13. District Magistrate, Central-North Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi Old Middle School, Lawrence Rd, Indira Colony, Tri Nagar, Rampura, Delhi, 110035
 14. District Magistrate, New Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi Jam Nagar House, New Delhi -110001
 15. District Magistrate, South Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi M.B. Road, Saket, New Delhi-110068
 16. District Magistrate, East Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi L.M. Bund, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110031
 17. District Magistrate, North-West Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Kanjhawala, Delhi - 110081
 18. District Magistrate, North-East, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi, Weaver's Complex, Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093
 19. District Magistrate, Outer North Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Delhi, Padam Chand Marg, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002
 20. District Magistrate, Outer North Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Outer North District, G.T. Karnal Road, Alipur, Delhi-110036

Sub: Directions dated 25.03.2026 issued by MoEF&CC under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, for implementation of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.

Sir/Madam,

Your kind attention is drawn towards the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 (SWM Rules, 2026) (Copy Enclosed) notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide Notification No. S.O.388(E) dated 27.01.2026 (Published in the Gazette of India on 28.01.2026), effective from 01.04.2026.

Hon'ble Supreme Court has also taken up the issue of implementation of SWM Rules, 2026 and has given various directions vide order dated 19.02.2026 in Civil Appeal No.6174 of 2023 in the matter of Bhopal Municipal Corporation vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Ors.

MoEF&CC vide letter dated 25.03.2026, has issued directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for implementation of the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026. A copy of said directions is enclosed herewith for urgent necessary action with respect to action points pertaining to your department.

It is requested to send the action taken report with respect to action points pertaining to your department to this office within 7 days from the date of issue of this letter.

Enclosures: As Above (Through E-mail)

Yours Sincerely,

Aom Dhole
 (Aom Dhole)
 Director, DPCC

Copy to:

1. The Secretary (Revenue) Cum Divisional Commissioner, GNCT of Delhi, 5 Shamnath Marg, Delhi-110054.
2. The Commissioner & Secretary (Development), Development Department, GNCT OF Delhi, 5/9, Under Hill Road, Delhi-110054
3. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, GNCTD, 5th Level, Delhi Secretariat, I.P Estate, Delhi-110002
4. PS to Chairman, DPCC
5. PA to Member Secretary, DPCC

Aom Dhole
 (Aom Dhole)
 Director, DPCC

H. Pat. copy for Mr. Y. M. / 27/04/2026
Sh. Anurag (State Secretary)

File No.11/11/2026-HSM
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(HSM Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jorbagh Road,
Aliganj New Delhi-110003
Date: 25.03.2026

ORDER

Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, for implementation of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 -reg.

WHEREAS, the Central Government has notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 (hereinafter referred to as SWM Rules, 2026), under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, in supersession to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016;

AND WHEREAS, Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 19.02.2026 in the matter of Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023, Bhopal Municipal Corporation vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Ors., has specifically directed Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, to issue directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories (UTs) for ensuring the conduct of specific actions mentioned in clause (ii) of paragraph 14 and paragraph 18.7 of the order dated 19.02.2026. Copy of the order dated 19.02.2026 is enclosed for reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and in compliance of the directions passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 19.02.2026, the following directions are issued to Chief Secretaries of all States / UTs, Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee and Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board to conduct:

- I. Through the District Collector, infrastructure audits of solid waste management be carried out.
- II. The District Collectors shall communicate the identified problems and the steps taken by the stakeholders to the Chief Secretary in a time-bound manner.
- III. Every local body must establish and communicate an outer time-limit within which 100% compliance will be achieved.

IV. Ensure compliance of SWM Rules, 2026 including setting up of a multilevel governance structure as under, if not already established. Alternatively, designate the committees so established as one established under the SWM Rules, 2026, viz.,

- a. State Level: A Committee for Effective Implementation at the State level, chaired by the Chief Secretary, is constituted to monitor implementation and remove state-level difficulties. Furthermore, a State Level Steering Committee will focus specifically on the circular economy in solid waste processing.
- b. District Level: The District Magistrate or District Collector is empowered to review the performance of local bodies at least once in a quarter. They must ensure the urban-rural convergence of sanitary landfills and common waste processing plants.
- c. Gram Panchayat / Block Level: The Department of Rural Development is designated as the nodal department for rural areas. District Panchayats are mandated to prepare solid waste action plans, and Gram Panchayats must plan and implement Solid Waste Management at the village level, ensuring no open dumping or burning occurs.
- d. Awareness and Participation: Local bodies are mandated to create public awareness campaigns to educate waste generators. Generators must be educated on minimizing waste, practicing home composting, wrapping sanitary waste securely, and handing over segregated waste. Local bodies will establish online grievance redressal mechanisms to ensure citizen voices are heard.
- e. Focus on Medium to Large Generators (Bulk Waste Generators): BWGs must register on the centralized online portal. They are required to set up and operate adequate wet waste processing facilities on-site. If unable to process waste onsite, they must procure EBWGR Certificates from the local body. Local bodies will undertake periodic audits of the actual waste generated by BWGs to ensure compliance.
- f. Participation of Students of Schools and Colleges: The Ministry of Education and State Education Departments are mandated to ensure the inclusion of solid waste management appropriately within school curricula. State Urban Development Departments will organise competitions and grant recognition awards to the best-performing schools, colleges, and institutions in terms of SWM at both the state and district levels.

The Action Taken Report (ATR) shall be submitted by the concerned State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees to the Central Pollution Control Board within 21 days from the date of issue of these directions. Central Pollution Control Board shall submit a compiled status report to Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Government of India subsequently thereafter within 7 days.


(Vir Vikram Padav)

Additional Secretary to Government of India

Encl: As above

To

- (i). Chief Secretaries/Administrator of all States/UTs (As per list)
- (ii). Member Secretary, all State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees (As per list)
- (iii). Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032

Copy for Information to:

- (i). PS to Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (ii). PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (EF&CC)
- (iii). PPS to Secretary (EF&CC)
- (iv). PPS to AS (VVY)