

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**  
**DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**  
**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Dispur, the 01<sup>st</sup> May, 2026**

ECF No. 784745/40 : For proper implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and to ensure compliance to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023 and directions under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for implementation of the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide No.11/11/2026-HSM dtd 25.03.2026, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to issue the following orders:

1. The District Commissioners are authorized to conduct infrastructure audits of Solid Waste Management facilities within their jurisdiction and shall ensure that problems as well as steps taken by stakeholders identified during the audit are communicated to the Chief Secretary and to relevant State and Central authorities in a time-bound manner.
2. The District Commissioners are empowered to review performance of urban and rural local bodies in terms of implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 once in every quarter and ensure that compliance/part or non-compliance is reported to the Chief Secretary along with documented compliance status and escalation where required.
3. Every Local Body shall establish and communicate an outer time limit within which 100% compliance to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 will be achieved. They shall do so within 60 days from the issuance of this order and shall also prepare separate time-bound action plans for remediation of legacy waste dump sites.
4. The Block Development Officer of the concerned block is hereby designated as the Nodal Officer for implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 within the respective Development Block.
5. The Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officers of the Urban Local Bodies shall designate Ward level Nodal Officers not below the rank of Junior Engineer, for implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 in the respective Ward within a period of 30 days.
6. The Nodal Officers shall submit monthly reports on four stream waste segregation and Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility (EBWGR) compliances to the Member Secretary of the State Level Committee constituted under Rule 19 of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 along with geo-tagged photographic evidence of compliance.
7. The Nodal Officers shall ensure registration of Bulk Waste Generators in the EBWGR portal once it is developed by CPCB and ensure that all Local Bodies, Waste Processors and Bulk Waste Generators are registered on the centralized CPCB portal for real-time digital reporting. They shall also ensure that the Bulk Waste Generators set up and operate adequate wet waste processing facilities on-site or procure EBWGR Certificates if not able to process wet waste on site, failing which Environmental Compensation shall be imposed under Rule 17 without further notice.
8. The Nodal officers shall conduct audit of waste generated by Bulk Waste Generators and submit report to the District Commissioners.

9. The respective Co-District Commissioners are also hereby empowered to undertake inspection and audit of solid waste management infrastructure under their jurisdiction and shall ensure urban rural convergence of sanitary landfills, common waste processing plants and any other common waste management facility.
10. All Urban Local Bodies shall prepare Solid Waste Management Action Plan as per Rule 39(2) of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 ensuring integration of four-stream segregation and infrastructure readiness.
11. The Chief Executive Officer of all Zila Parishads shall ensure that Solid Waste Management Action Plan is prepared for the district covering areas under each of the Gram Panchayats as per Rule 40 of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.
12. The P&RD Department shall ensure that the solid waste action plans are prepared at village level to ensure that no open dumping or burning of solid waste takes place under any circumstances.
13. All Local Bodies (Urban and Rural) shall ensure that four stream segregation of wet, dry, sanitary and special care waste are practiced in all households and the same is reflected in the action plans and enforced as a mandatory compliance requirement.
14. Timelines are also required to be submitted by all Local Bodies to treat, remediate and manage legacy waste dump sites through strictly monitored time-bound action plans.
15. The Department of Education shall prepare course curricula for inclusion of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 appropriately within the schools of the State at various levels/standards. The draft curricula prepared by the Education Department may be vetted by the State Pollution Control Board and DoHUA, Govt. of Assam before incorporating the same in the school curricula and shall include a time-bound implementation plan along with student engagement and awareness programs.
16. The State Pollution Control Board shall translate the summary of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 especially the duties of important stakeholders under Rule 5, 6, 7 etc. and prepare representative content appropriate to various stakeholders.
17. The Department of Housing and Urban Affairs and Department of Panchayat & Rural Development shall utilize the funds available for Information, Education, Communication (IEC) and capacity Building components under SBM(U) and SBM(G) for dissemination and publicity via notices and social media announcements and ensure household-level outreach through elected representatives.
18. All Local Bodies shall establish online grievance redressal mechanisms to ensure citizen voices are heard. Use of AI may be made to make the mechanism user friendly and in local language and such systems shall be citizen-friendly, multilingual, and digitally enabled.

### **Additional Provisions**

19. A multi-tier governance structure shall be operationalized comprising State Level Committee under the Chief Secretary, District Level monitoring by District Commissioners, and Block/Ward Level Nodal Officers for implementation, and the State Level Committee shall oversee and ensure operationalisation of this framework, while District Commissioners shall be responsible for execution and reporting at the district level.
20. All monitoring, reporting, and compliance systems shall be digital, real-time, and integrated with centralized platforms, and the State Level Committee in coordination with Assam Pollution Control Board (APCB) and Department of Housing & Urban Affairs shall ensure integration with CPCB portal and implementation across all Local Bodies.

21. Non-compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 shall attract a three-tier enforcement mechanism including (i) immediate fines, (ii) criminal prosecution for continued violations, and (iii) liability of responsible officials for failure of oversight, and the concerned Urban Local Bodies, District Commissioners, and regulatory authorities including APCB shall be responsible for enforcement under the supervision of the State Level Committee.
22. Environmental compensation mechanisms and appropriate financial accountability systems shall be operationalised, and the Assam Pollution Control Board in coordination with Finance Department and concerned Departments shall notify and implement such mechanisms, under overall guidance of the State Level Committee.
23. Performance of Local Bodies shall be periodically evaluated and publicly disclosed to ensure transparency and accountability, and the Department of Housing & Urban Affairs and Panchayat & Rural Development Department shall undertake such evaluation and disclosure, under monitoring of the State Level Committee.
24. Elected Ward Representatives shall act as lead facilitators for citizen awareness, household-level participation, and source segregation compliance, and the Urban Local Bodies and Panchayat & Rural Development Department shall ensure their active engagement through structured IEC and capacity-building initiatives.
25. The Department of Education shall integrate Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 into school curricula through a time-bound implementation plan, and shall promote behavioural change through student-led awareness programs, competitions, and community engagement initiatives, in coordination with the State Pollution Control Board, Department of Housing & Urban Affairs, and Panchayat & Rural Development Department, under periodic review of the State Level Committee.

The above directions may require modifications in existing rules or procedures with the approval of the competent authority, such as the State Cabinet or Legislative Assembly. Accordingly, all concerned Departments shall take necessary action, in consultation with stakeholders and competent authorities, to align with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court within three months or at the earliest possible time. Pending such modifications, immediate interim measures permissible under law shall be taken to ensure timely compliance, which shall be carried out with utmost urgency and accuracy under the supervision of the State Level Committee.

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Chief Secretary to the Govt of Assam

Memo ECF No. 784745/40 -A

Dated Dispur, the 01<sup>st</sup> May, 2026

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1. The Secretary, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi
2. The Addl. Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam for kind information.
3. The Member Secretary, CPCB, New Delhi
4. The Senior Most Secretary of All Departments.
5. The Chairman, APCB, Bamunimaidam
6. District Commissioner (All)
7. The S.O. to the Chief Secretary, Assam

8. PPS to Hon'ble Chief Minister
9. Co-District Commissioner (All)

By order etc.,

Special Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Department.