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Action Taken Report : Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders in CA No. 6174/ 2023

Submission of Action Taken Report/Updated Status regarding compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders in CA No. 6174/ 2023 and Supreme Court empowered Monitoring Committee (SCMC) Decisions- reg.

Ref:

- (i) Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 19.02.2026
- (ii) Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 05.05.2026
- (iii) Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 25.05.2026
- (iv) MoEF&CC direction dated 25.03.2026
- (v) MoEF&CC direction dated 03.05.2026
- (vi) SCMC Direction dated 24.06.2026
- (vii) SCMC Communication dated 24.06.2026
- (viii) SCMC letter dated 01.07.2026
- (ix) SCMC letter dated 20.07.2026
- (x) SCMC letter dated 23.07.2026

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Environment , Forest & Climate Change Department ▼

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Department of Environment, Govt of West Bengal

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1. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **19.02.2026** under para 18.4 directed the State Education Department to submit a binding timeline for integration of solid waste management protocols into the educational curriculum in accordance with Rule 33. *

Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested: Direction dated **25.03.2026** issued by MoEF&CC vide para IV(f) to the Chief Secretary/Administrator of all States/UTs regarding inclusion of solid waste management appropriately within school curricula.

Action

Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 Words)

School Education Department vide no.895-UDMA-13014(17)/3/2026 dated 02.05.2026 was requested to comply the matter. They have already included waste management in the curriculum of 10th, 11th & 12th Standard in the subject Environmental Studies. Further they have taken initiative for inclusion of the same in the curriculum of 1 to 9th Standard.

2a. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **05.05.2026** under para 13 directed that for SWM projects funded outside SBM-U, adopt a paperless, technology-driven lean approval method (not more than 3 levels). Once National Advisor and Review Committee (NARC) approves, DPR preparation and technical sanctions should be delegated to competent State authorities. State matching share should be kept ready to avoid delays.

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Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested : Copy of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order communicated by MoEF&CC vide email dated **11.05.2026**.

Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal has already launched an online portal viz. Rapid Scrutiny Protocol (RSP) adopting a paperless, technology-driven lean approval method where SWM projects funded outside SBM-U be received, scrutinized and approved.

DPR preparation and technical sanctions have already been delegated to the Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department after approval of National Advisor and Review Committee(NARC). Without any delay Finance Department, Government of West Bengal provide State matching.

2b. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **05.05.2026** under para 14.4 directed that 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. *

Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested : Copy of Hon'ble Supreme Court order communicated by MoEF&CC vide email dated **11.05.2026**.

Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal is taking initiative to bring CSR support in the large ULBs. A dialog is under process with the Petroleum companies for installation of Bio-CBG plant in some large ULBs.

2c. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **05.05.2026** under para 14.5 directed that 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) of MoHUA. *

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Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal is in the process of exploring the possibility of PPP projects for SWM and its feasibility.

3a. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **19.02.2026** under para 18.7 directed to ensure compliance of SWM Rules, 2026 including setting up of a multi-level 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.

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Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested : Direction dated **25.03.2026** issued by MoEF&CC vide para IV(a), (b), (c) and (e) to Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all States/UTs.

Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

State Level Steering Committee has already been constituted vide no.EN/630/3C-12/2026 dated 30.04.2026 under the kind Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of West

Bengal to monitor implementation and remove state- level difficulties. Furthermore, this State Level Steering Committee will focus specifically on the circular economy in solid waste processing.

3b. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **19.02.2026** under para 18.7 directed to ensure compliance of SWM Rules, 2026 including setting up of a multi-level governance structure as under, if not already established. Alternatively, designate the committees so established as one established under the SWM Rules, 2026, viz.,

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.

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District Level Monitoring Committee has already been constituted vide no. EN/631/3C-12/2026 dated 30.04.2026 under the kind Chairmanship of District Magistrate.

Further District Administration has been directed to constitute 'Special Cell' in each District vide Memo no. 662/ENV/15014/2/2026 dated 08.05.2026 to oversee implementation of SWM Rules, 2026.

3c. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **19.02.2026** under para 18.7 directed to ensure compliance of SWM Rules, 2026 including setting up of a multi-level governance structure as under, if not already established. Alternatively, designate the committees so established as one established under the SWM Rules, 2026, viz.,

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.

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Panchayat and Rural Development Department has already issued letters vide Memo No. 1832-PRD/24023(11)/1/2021-Sanitation dated 04.05.2026 and Memo No. 1938(23)-PRD-39011 (11)/65/2026-PMAY-G dated 15.05.2026 to all the districts for compliance with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19.02.2026 in Civil Appeal 6174 of 2023 regarding constitution of District Level Monitoring Committee and the empowerment of District Magistrate to oversee the establishment, execution and management of solid waste within respective district. Also, elected representatives of Gram Panchayats have been designated as Lead Facilitators at Gram Panchayat level for compliance the SWM Rules, 2026. Emphasize has been given to identify legacy waste dumpsite and to focus on bio-remediation. Bulk Waste Generators registration is going on CPCB centralized portal.

3d. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **19.02.2026** under para 18.7 directed to ensure compliance of SWM Rules, 2026 including setting up of a multi-level governance structure as under, if not already established. Alternatively, designate the committees so established as one established under the SWM Rules, 2026, viz.,

d. 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.

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Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

The process of registering the Bulk Waste Generators on the centralized online portal has already been started in the State of West Bengal followed by a hands on training provided to them. Till date, 461 BWGs in 64 ULBs have been identified, out of that 14 BWGs have registered in the portal.

Upon availability of the process for procuring EBWGR Certificates from the local body after activation of online portal and issuance of guideline for fees from CPCB, next course of action will be initiated.

As reported by Panchayat and Rural Development Department 54 entities have registered as BWG.

4. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated **25.05.2026** under para 12 directed to ensure that a separate page to be created on website of the district containing problems, implementation and progress with provisions for uploading of photographs related to legacy waste and solid waste (generation, regeneration/degeneration). *

Communication

vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested:SCMC direction dated **24.06.2026** to all District Magistrates/District Collectors through Chief Secretaries/Administrators of respective States/UTs.

Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

Development of the separate page in the website of the District concerned are under process.

5. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 25.05.2026 under para 20 to specifically engage with households and educational institutions. The students must be the guides and mentors in their respective households, and the Special Cells in each district educate them in this regard *

Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested : SCMC direction dated 24.06.2026 to all District Magistrates/District Collectors through Chief Secretaries/Administrators of respective State/UT.

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Each Urban Local Body has engaged 'Nirmal Sathi' (Motivator cum Supervisor) especially from Self Help Groups (SHGs) to mobilize the citizen on the activities of SWM Rules and supervise the 'Nirmal Bandhus' (Waste Collectors) for the beat of 1200 households including the non-residential entities within that beat. The Nirmal Sathis are educating the teachers and students on present context of solid waste management activities of the ULBs. In spite of that ULB administration is conducting several awareness campaign at School level. With this initiative the respective effect is being reflected on the households. The District Administration is monitoring the activities along with the ULBs.

6. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 25.05.2026 under para 10 directed the current leadership by the officers of the Swachh Bharat Mission shall not be disturbed, except in cases of the incumbent's superannuation from service *

Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested : SCMC letter dated 24.06.2026 to all Chief Secretaries/Administrators of respective State/UT.

Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

State Government has taken note on this matter.

7. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators shall convene periodic review meetings, preferably on a monthly basis, to guide and monitor the implementation of the SWM Rules, 2026 and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, ensuring effective and continuous coordination among the concerned Departments, District Administrations, ULBs, RLBs, and SPCBs/PCCs. *

Communication vide which Compliance Status / ATR was requested : SCMC letter dated 14.07.2026 to all Chief Secretaries/Administrators of respective State/UT.

Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

On regular basis the respective head of the Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs and Panchayat and Rural Development Department are taking review to guide and monitor the implementation of the SWM Rules, 2026 and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, ensuring effective and continuous coordination among the concerned Departments, District Administrations, ULBs, RLBs, and SPCB.

8. All States/UTs shall ensure that provisions relating to Solid Waste Management are incorporated as an integral component while granting building plan approvals and registration is done prior to issuing occupancy certificate to group housing society or market complex, whoever qualifies as BWG. *

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A Notification vide no. 437-IT & e-Gov/UDMA/E 721215 dated 04.10.2024 was issued by Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal for mandating sustainable practices such as solid waste/ bio-sludge management as a mandatory requirement while providing construction permits for new buildings and as a mandatory requirements for availing utility connections in new/ existing buildings.

9. Each

State/UT shall set up an institutionalized mechanism for coordination with DCs, Strengthening of Rural bodies, District Panchayats, filling vacancies, resource mobilization, infrastructures set ups, etc. in coordination with various concerned departments of the State/UT. *

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- i. Committee at State level: A State Level Steering Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for overseeing the effective implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.
- ii. Committee at District level: A District Level Monitoring Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate in each district for monitoring the effective implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026. He/ She shall review the performance of the local bodies at least once in a quarter.
- iii. Gram Panchayat level: All GPs has been sensitized on SWM Rules 2026 & implementation of Solid Waste Management in their villages.

10a. All State/UTs shall: Form a Committee at the State level, chaired by CS to monitor implementation

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State Level Steering Committee has already been constituted vide no. EN/630/3C-12/2026 dated 30.04.2026 under the kind Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government of West Bengal to monitor implementation and remove state- level difficulties.

10b. All State/UTs shall: Direct all ULBs to register on the centralized EPR Portal.

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Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

Nodal Officer for all ULBs have been designated and registration in the centralized EPR portal is under process.

10c. All State/UTs shall: Develop roadmap to incentivise good performance of local bodies

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State Government is in the process of designing the road map to incentivize good performance of local bodies.

10 d. All State/UTs shall: Sensitize elected representatives

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During Capacity Building Programme for the Councillors sensitization on solid waste management and sanitation has been given in one of the session. Regularly through webinar

mode sensitization has been provided to the Elected Representatives, Administrators, Officials and staff of the ULBs and RLBs.

10 e. All State/UTs shall: Translate all court orders into regional languages

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Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

Yes, all court orders have been translated to regional language and communicated to all.

10 f. All State/UTs shall: Identify vacancies for SWM and sanitation service delivery

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Identification of the vacancies for SWM and sanitation service delivery are under process in the ULBs & RLBs.

10 g. All State/UTs shall: Conduct inventory and compliance review of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016

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Action Taken Report/ Updated Report (Response in maximum 250 words)

State Urban Development Department has taken following initiatives on Plastic Waste Management:

- I. Inventorization of Plastic product manufacturers, recyclers, users and collectors have been done with the help of Jadavpur University and Jalpaiguri Engineering College.
- II. The infrastructure for setting up Material Recovery Facility as integral part of Fresh Waste Processing plant is under construction in the ULBs where lands have been made available and free from all encumbrances.
- III. The ULBs are providing / selling segregated collected dry waste to the recyclers.
- IV. All the ULBs have issued notification for banning of use of plastic carry bag below 120 micron thickness and single use plastic.
- V. All the ULBs have initiated the process of registration for EPR.

VI. State government has started exploring the possibility of alternative/ bio-degradable items of plastic.

Panchayat & Rural Development Department has taken various initiatives promoting eco-friendly alternatives have been undertaken to support the ban on single-use plastic (SUP) items in rural areas across the State of West Bengal. In this regard, a special state-wide campaign was organized on 3rd July, 2025 for the collection of single-use plastic items, plastic bottles, and other plastic waste. As part of the campaign, free cotton bags were distributed among the public as sustainable alternatives to plastic carry bags, thereby encouraging environmentally responsible practices and reducing dependence on plastic materials. Furthermore, in many rural areas, plastic items used in daily life have been gradually replaced by nature-based and biodegradable alternatives, contributing to the reduction of plastic pollution and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

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