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Deputy Director of School Education (Sec)
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Kangra at Dharamshala

Dated Dharamshala - 176215 31st October, 2026

To

All the Principals/Headmasters
GSSS/GHS, District Kangra
Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject:** **Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 18.08.2026 in the matter of Civil appeal No. 6174 of 2023, titled Corporation Vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Ors.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the letter No. EDN-SE (10) F (13) 03/2025 received from the Director School Education, Himachal Pradesh on dated 22.10.2026 on the subject cited above.

In this regard, all the Principals/Headmasters are directed to:-

1. Create awareness among students about the importance of Solid Waste Management.
2. Provide theoretical as well as practical knowledge to students regarding proper segregation, collection and disposal of waste.
3. Organize awareness activities, demonstrations and practical training in their respective schools.
4. Encourage students to spread awareness among their family members and the local community regarding proper waste management.
5. Ensure that teachers are also trained to act as trainers for students.
6. Encourage students to prepare posters and paintings on Solid Waste Management to enhance creativity and awareness.
7. Maintain proper records and photographs of the activities conducted in the schools for future reference.

All the schools are further directed to implement the above instructions in letter and spirit and submit the necessary information regarding the activities conducted to this office for further submission to the Directorate.

The matter may be treated as Most Urgent.

Enclosure: As above.

**Dy. Director of School Education (Sec.)**
**Kangra at Dharamshala**

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1. The Director of School Education, Shimla, H.P., w.r.t. their above mentioned letter no., for information please.
2. I.T. incharge (internal) to upload this on website.
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**Dy. Director of School Education (Sec.)**
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Directorate of School Education
22 OCT 2026
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 171001

No. EDN-SE (10) F (13) 03/2025
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimal-171001 the Oct., 2026.

To

All the Dy. Directors of School Education (Sec.)
In Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject:-** **Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 18.08.2026 in the matter of Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023, titled Bhopal Corporation Vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Ors.**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of orders dated 18.08.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, received through H.P. State Pollution Control Board, Waste Management Division-1, Shimla-9 on the subject cited above.

In this context, it is intimated that, as per para No. **8 of Hon'ble Apex Court order dated 18.08.2026 in Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023, necessary training w.r.t Solid Waste Management is required to be imparted to the teachers of the schools, so that they can give services as trainer in their respective schools and impart training to the students who further trains their family members in the society. Further students can function as household-level supervisors, as the Hon'ble Court notes that an educated child is the most effective and least coercive instrument for educating a parent or a relative for the implementation of Solid Waste Management.**

Accordingly you are directed to go through the directions of the Hon'ble Apex Court order as stated above and ensure that every school in your respective district impart theoretical and practical knowledge of Solid Waste Management to the students who further can trains their family members in the society and report to this effect may be sent to the Dy Commissioner of your district as well as to this Directorate on quarterly basis as per the following format:

| Sr. No | District | Total No of Schools in the district | No. of teachers trained. | No of schools in which theoretical and practical knowledge of SWM being imparted to students. | No of School audited by the Dy Director for imparting theoretical and practical knowledge of SWM onto students. | Whether this report has been sent to the DC |
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Treat it most urgent.

Director School Education
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Even dated Shimla-171001 the October, 2026

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Member Secretary, H.P. State Pollution Control Board, Waste Management Division-1, Shimla-9 w.r.t. his letter refer above.
2. Guard file.

Director School Education
Himachal Pradesh

# Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 18.08.2026 in the matter of Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023, titled Bhopal Municipal Corporation Vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Ors

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Sir,
On the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith the orders dated **18.08.2026** passed by the **Hon'ble Supreme Court of India**, for information and necessary implementation.
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Regards

**Waste Management Division-I**
**H.P. State Pollution Control Board**
**Head Office, Shimla-09**



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 6174 OF 2023

BHOPAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

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

WITH

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 7728 OF 2023

1. Read the Orders dated 11.02.2026, 19.02.2026, 29.04.2026, 05.05.2026 and 25.05.2026 in the present case.

2. In compliance with the above Orders, the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC), through the Member Secretary, CPCB, has placed on record the Affidavit dated 05.08.2026 and the Interim Report for the period ending 03.08.2026. We have perused the Affidavit and the Reports and note that the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee, giving full effect to the Orders of this Court read with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, has communicated, initiated, and put in place the Statutory Committees for the implementation and enforcement of the SWM Rules, 2026. These initiatives are steps in the right direction. However, the larger and perennial hazards

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arising from the non-observance of the SWM Rules, 2026, by the stakeholders are not addressed by merely putting in place Committees and Enforcement Agencies. The SCMC has scaled the mountains and also fathomed the problem. The mounds of garbage is the problem demanding the attention of everyone. Therefore, the question we ask today, not just to those impleaded as Respondents to the present proceedings, but to everyone within the jurisdiction of this Court, is, "whose task is it?" for the successful implementation of the SWM Rules, 2026.

3. In our previous substantive Order, we noted that "The singularity of obligation and compliance under the SWM Rules, 2026, is that every human being and their activities result in pollution, yet all contributors expect a minuscule percentage of sanitary workers to handle it. This perception shall be eradicated, and it shall be the responsibility of all contributors to Solid Waste to manage and be part of the Rules". This is clearly lacking among individuals and institutions, including schools and colleges, students, the educated and the illiterate, the employed and the unemployed, and finally, professionals and businessmen. It is regrettable that

across society, the general feeling is "I am entitled to generate but not to cooperate and control the impact of solid waste management at the threshold".

4. To wit, India's population exceeds 1.4 billion, with varying levels of literacy, education and civic infrastructure. Every person, household and institution (without exception) generates solid waste as an inevitable by-product of life and activity. The volume and complexity of such waste, i.e., biodegradable, non-biodegradable, hazardous, electronic and construction, have outgrown what any single class of workers can be expected to absorb or handle. The infrastructure needs a complete audit and upgradation to meet the extant standards of the SWM Rules, 2026.

5. The prevailing assumption that Solid Waste is a problem for sanitary workers alone, while the rest of the population remains passive generators, is neither legally correct nor practically sustainable, and is constitutionally unethical. Continued complacency will lead to pandemic and endemic situations. With this in mind, Rule 4 of the SWM Rules, 2026 casts the duty of segregation, safe storage and hand-over on

every waste generator, a term covering every individual, household, institution and establishment. This statutory duty is reinforced by Article 51A(g) of the Constitution of India and is inseparable from the right to a clean and healthy environment under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The Court is enforcing SWM Rules, 2026 through continuous Mandamus, prevent pollution from solid waste to environment including Rivers. The SCMC is directed to focus on water pollution from Municipal Solid Wastes/Materials to Rivers and place before the Court data for further directions.

6. Law can secure cooperation only by prescribing rules and consequences. It cannot, by itself, generate civic behaviour. Compliance is achieved only when the individual and institutional generators internalize the obligation. To this end, the SCMC has addressed letters to all the Chief Secretaries/Secretaries of the States and Union Territories. Notably, the SCMC has also addressed letters to all the Ministries, viz., Indian Railways/Public Sector Undertakings. We categorise these as State, Instrumentalities of the State and Government/Public Companies. Insofar as these Departments are concerned, we call upon the

SCMC to stipulate an outer limit of six weeks from even date for reporting the status of compliance with the directives issued by the SCMC. The real problem lies in the unorganised sector of residential, commercial and business establishments. Through the Order of even date, we reiterate that this Court, in its constitutional obligation and power, has directed the delegation of powers to the District Collectors under Section 5 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986. The Disaster Management Act, 2005 is referred to in our earlier orders. The Parliament, in its wisdom, after realising the difficulties in controlling industrial pollution, has incorporated Section 5 in the EP Act. The practical reasoning and objective are that unabated and uncontrolled air and water pollution can be controlled and abated through the stoppage of industrial activity. The administrative machinery constituted below is a scaffold to accelerate that internalisation. Indefinite, exclusive reliance on State supervision of a constitutionally literate citizenry would defeat the object of the Rules.

a. Step 1: *Powers under Section 5 of the EP Act to District Collectors, and under Section 23 for*

*supervision through Special Cells, etc., already implemented.*

b. **Step 2**: *Realisation of the object through universal compliance by every individual. Order to be understood as active, not passive.*

c. **Step 3**: *For this purpose, SCMC through the Chief Secretary(ies) of the State(s), directs the District Collectors to identify all bulk waste generators/ BWGs within their respective jurisdictions, in cooperation with the Local Bodies, within six weeks from today.*

d. **Step 4**: *The SCMC, through the Chief Secretary(ies) of the State(s) directs the District Collector(s) to communicate to all the bulk waste generators/ BWGs the consequences of non-compliance with SWM Rules, 2026 which consequence would include temporary disconnection of power or water supply until the waste generated by the bulk waste generators conforms to the SWM Rules.*

e. **Step 5**: *The objective of communication, as stated in Step 4, is to enable the BWGs to set up required*

*facilities in place and to report online compliance to the local bodies for inspection and forwarding the report to the District Collector(s).*

f. Step 6: *The SCMC directs the District Collectors to enhance the participation of the elected representatives of the wards of Gram Panchayats, Municipalities and the Corporations in the implementation of the Rules. The ULBs/MLBs/RLBs are directed to notify the waste generated, accounted for and unaccounted for, and the steps taken to achieve 100% basic participation by the stakeholders referred to in paragraph 3 (supra).*

7. Every local body shall, through its Chairman/Commissioner/Secretary, as directed by the jurisdictional District Collector, communicate in writing to every BWG within its limits the obligations viz, (i) segregation, storage and handover of solid waste generated; and (ii) the consequence of non-compliance resulting in the temporary disconnection of water and electricity supply by order of the District Collector's Special Cell, restorable upon submission of a compliance certificate by the BWG.

8. The District Collectors need more sentinels and teachers to achieve a change in approach and attitude among our citizenry towards solid waste management. Therefore, the compulsion is to educate, educate, educate school and college students to enrol their family members for the implementation of the SWM Rules, 2026. The Interim Report filed refers to the correspondence on this subject. But the need is to transform the correspondence into action. The slow approach of the Education Department is slightly unintelligible and troubling the Court. The Department of School and Higher Education shall, with immediate effect, integrate both theoretical and practical knowledge on Solid Waste Management for students to train their family members, and also train teachers as trainers. The trained students would function as household-level supervisors. This Court notes that, an educated child is the most effective and least coercive instrument for educating a parent or a relative for the implementation of Solid Waste Management. It is for their future and health that the student is entrusted with this responsibility. Periodical audits are conducted by the District Education Departments, and reports are

submitted to the jurisdictional District Collectors.

9. IT/Digitally enabled non-passive reporting. Note: A portal is already in place. The Authorities consider including geotagged photographs of waste accumulation and monthly compliance reports through the chain, i.e., District Collector → State Secretary and Union Ministries.

10. The Order is, without delay, translated into regional languages and communicated to all, as directed in the previous Orders of this Court.

11. Sectoral compliance from Railways, Defence, and other Ministries is monitored by SCMC.

12. The objective of the present order is to sunset and transition to self-regulation.

13. The Case Management Schedule for listing:

| WEEK/DATE TO BE LISTED ON | AGENDA |
|---|---|
| 2nd Week of November | Short-Term Report |
| 2nd Week of January | Medium-Term Report |
| 10 April 2027 | Annual Report |

14. List on 17.11.2026.

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[S.V.N. BHATTI]

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NEW DELHI;

AUGUST 18, 2026.