AMENDMENT

MoEFCC adds Ayush to rules 11 and 12 of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016

G.S.R. 293(E) adds Ayush to rule 11(1) and an Ayush representative to rule 12(6) of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, made without a draft.

G.S.R. 293(E), A NOTIFICATION OF the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated April 17, 2026, makes the Bio-Medical Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further amending the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016. They come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

The Central Government made them under sections 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, after having dispensed with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 in public interest; no draft was published first.

THE CHANGE

Inserts "Ayush," after "Departments of Health," in rule 11(1), and "representative, as nominated by the State or Union Territory Department of Ayush," after "District Health Officer," in rule 12(6), of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Amendment

G.S.R. NUMBER
G.S.R. 293(E)

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April 17, 2026

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On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed

REFERENCES

G.S.R. 293(E)

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Two changes are made. In rule 11, sub-rule (1), the word "Ayush," is inserted after the words "Departments of Health,". In rule 12, sub-rule (6), the words "representative, as nominated by the State or Union Territory Department of Ayush," are inserted after the words "District Health Officer,". The notification does not restate the rest of either sub-rule.

The e-Gazette lists the notification under the subject "Publication of Draft Notification regarding Bio Medical Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986", but its text makes final rules. The Note records the principal rules as G.S.R. 343(E) of March 28, 2016, amended by G.S.R. 234(E) of March 16, 2018, G.S.R. 129(E) of February 19, 2019 and G.S.R. 360(E) of May 10, 2019. The notification (F. No. HSM-20/3/2025-HSM) appears in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), No. 269, dated April 20, 2026.

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Rule	Other waste rules
Type	Amendment
Amends	Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016
Products	Bio-medical waste
What it does	Inserts "Ayush," after "Departments of Health," in rule 11(1), and "representative, as nominated by the State or Union Territory Department of Ayush," after "District Health Officer," in rule 12(6), of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Applies from	On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed
Conditions	Made after the Central Government dispensed, in public interest, with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986; no draft was published first.
Issued under	Sections 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986
Signed by	NEELESH KUMAR SAH, Jt. Secy.

The notification, entry by entry

Entry	Text
Rule 11, sub-rule (1)	The word "Ayush," is inserted after the words "Departments of Health,".
Rule 12, sub-rule (6)	The words "representative, as nominated by the State or Union Territory Department of Ayush," are inserted after the words "District Health Officer,".

The notification (PDF, 1.0 MB)

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