DELEGATION OF POWERS

MoEFCC delegates section 5 powers to District Collectors for the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026

G.S.R. 371(E) delegates the Central Government's section 5 powers to all District Collectors for one year, only for the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.

G.S.R. 371(E), A NOTIFICATION OF the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated May 18, 2026, delegates the powers vested in the Central Government under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to all the District Collectors across the country. The delegation is for a period of one year from the date of publication of the notification, and exclusively for supervising, administering and implementing the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 within their jurisdictional limits.

THE CHANGE

The powers vested in the Central Government under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are delegated to all the District Collectors across the country for a period of one year from the date of publication of the notification, exclusively for supervising, administering and implementing the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 within their jurisdictional limits.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Delegation of powers

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The notification is issued under section 23 of the Act and pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court of India in its Order dated May 5, 2026, in Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023. The Central Government may revoke the delegation in respect of District Collectors across the country, or may itself invoke section 5 of the Act, if in its opinion such course of action is necessary in public interest.

The notification (F. No. 11/11/2026-HSM) appears in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), No. 336, dated May 18, 2026, and was put online the same day. It prints no calendar date on which the one-year period ends.

G.S.R. number	G.S.R. 371(E)
Dated	May 18, 2026
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Rule	Other waste rules
Type	Delegation of powers
Products	Solid waste
What it does	The powers vested in the Central Government under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are delegated to all the District Collectors across the country for a period of one year from the date of publication of the notification, exclusively for supervising, administering and implementing the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 within their jurisdictional limits.
Valid until	One year from the date of publication of the notification; no calendar date is printed
Conditions	The Central Government may revoke the delegation in respect of District Collectors across the country, or may itself invoke the

	provisions of section 5 of the Act, if in its opinion such course of action is necessary in public interest.
Applies to	All the District Collectors across the country, within their jurisdictional limits.
Issued under	Section 23 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court of India in its Order dated May 5, 2026, in Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023
Signed by	UDAY CHAUDHARI, Jt. Secy.

The notification (PDF, 425 KB)

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