Supplementary Material of The Implications of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 for Mizoram

Appendix A: 1. Qualitative Interview (Unstructured Format)

1. Does the SWMC incorporate the newly adopted SWMR, 2026?
2. Does the SWMC face operational challenges? For example, in terms of workforce limitations, waste segregation within the centre, machine problems, and other related issues?
3. How does waste segregation work within the centre? Are they now segregated into four as per the new rules demand?
4. Will the sanitary waste section be separately made in the centre?
5. What is the process of waste management within the centre? (How are solid and wet waste processed?)
6. How long has the landfill been used?
7. Do you report to the higher ups regarding maintenance problems like this broken incinerator?
8. What role do the ragpickers (and private waste collectors) usually play in the centre? Are they registered under the government?
9. Has the government ever provided PPE to the ragpickers in the past? Will the government provide it now as per the new rules?
10. Are there any reported health related issues from the ragpickers?
11. Do the private collectors sell their collected solid waste for profits? How much do these ragpickers usually earn in a day?
12. How do the centre manage Biomedical Waste?
13. How many waste are usually dumped within the centre/How many dump trucks enter the precinct in a day?
14. Has the new Aizawl West Waste Management Centre in Luangmual in full operation?

A.2: Field Observation Notes

Field observation was carried out with the purpose of understanding the functioning of the SWMC in Aizawl. It has been observed that the SWMC has been segregating waste into two, with wet and solid waste kept in separate sections, far away from each other. Ragpickers were involved mainly in picking solid waste within the centre, while private waste collectors operate outside the vicinity of the centre. Wet waste was kept for decomposing for further processing, which were later converted to fertilizers. It has also been learnt from the observation that the Centre is located well within a range unharmful to nearby human settlement areas (namely Tuirial). The centre also faces minor technical setbacks during time of visit as the incinerator meant for incinerating solid waste was broken.

Appendix B: Summary of Key Policy and Media Sources

Pursuant to supporting documentation requirements, the qualitative findings of this study were triangulated and cross-verified using the following primary policy notifications and local media archives:

1. **Legislative Text:** *Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026* (Gazette Notification No. 360, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India).
2. **Local Governance & Municipal Proceedings:** Archival reports and meeting minutes from local news networks (primarily *Vanglaini*) documenting municipal corporation discussions in Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai, and Siaha districts regarding rule implementation, task force assemblies, and waste segregation campaigns throughout mid-2026, and Zonet TV Channel.