

PRESS RELEASE
INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY (IRSA)

Dated: The 26th of March, 2025

IRSA Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting was held on March 26th, 2025 to approve the Kharif 2025 *Anticipated Water Availability Criteria* from April 1st, 2025 to September 30th, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Sahibzada Muhammad Shabir, Chairman IRSA / Member IRSA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at IRSA HQs Islamabad. The meeting was participated by all IRSA Members; Rep: of Chief Engineering Advisor, MoWR; Secretaries PIDs of Punjab and Sindh; Senior Officials of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan Irrigation Deptt., Senior Technical Advisors of WAPDA; Senior representatives of Tarbela and Mangla Dams, T4 and T5 HPPs; senior representatives of Provincial Agriculture Departments and Director (Opr) / Secretary IRSA, along with senior technical personnel of IRSA.

2. IAC reviewed the Rabi 2024-25 (Oct-Mar) system operation and showed satisfaction over the overall seasonal close at 18% shortages till March 20th, 2025 against the anticipated shortages of 16%.

3. Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) highlighted that below normal rain and above normal temperatures especially across Northern and Southern tips of the country were forecasted by local and global climate models for the months of April, May and June (AMJ). PMD informed that winter snowfall in the catchments of Indus and Jhelum was recorded as 26.8 inches against the normal of 49.7 inches, i.e., 31% less and inflows into the Rim-Station rivers would also be less than normal.

4. IAC duly accounting the unclear climatical parameters and keeping in view the Summer 2025 Weather Outlook presented by PMD, approved the Water Availability only for the month of April '25 with 43% system shortfall. The water situation will again be reviewed in 1st week of May 2025.

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