

INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY (IRSA)

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IRSA Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting was held on May 05th, 2025 to approve the Anticipated Water Availability Criteria for balance period of Kharif from May to September 2025 under the Chairmanship of Sahibzada Muhammad Shabir, Chairman IRSA at IRSA HQs Islamabad. The meeting was attended, in addition, by all IRSA Members, Chief Engineering Advisor, MoWR; Secretaries PIDs of Punjab and Sindh; Senior Officials of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan Irrigation Deptt.; General Managers of WAPDA; Senior representatives of Tarbela and Mangla Dams, Senior Representatives of Provincial Agriculture Departments and Director (Opr) / Secretary IRSA, along with senior technical personnel of IRSA.

2. IAC reviewed the water situation for the remaining months of "Early Kharif" (May – Jun 10) & Late Kharif (Jun 11 – Sep) season. It was noted with concern unanimously that sudden decrease in river Chenab inflows at Marala due to short supply by India would result in more shortages in Early Kharif Season.

3. IAC declared an overall shortage of 21% for the remaining Early Kharif Season in case supplies in River Chenab remains normal. However, the situation would be monitored on a daily basis and if the decrease continues in "River Chenab", the shortages would be revisited accordingly. The Late Kharif Shortages are expected to be 7%.

4. Keeping in view the crisis created by Indian short supplies in Chenab River, it was also decided that conjunctive use of reservoirs would be done pragmatically to ensure indented supplies to the provinces. The participants showed determination to handle this crisis with unanimity and national spirit – setting the internal reservations aside.

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