

PRESS RELEASE

INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY (IRSA)

IRSA HQs at Islamabad,
Dated the 13th of May, 2024

An emergent meeting of IRSA was held today on 13.05.2024 at IRSA HQs under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Hameed Mengal, Chairman IRSA/ Member Balochistan, attended by all IRSA Members, Director (Opr) and WAPDA authorities of Tarbela dam. The meeting was convened in the wake of present rim station inflow trends and Tunnel-5 (T5) constraints of Tarbela dam. WAPDA authorities informed that the restriction of filling of Tarbela Dam to the level of 1470 ft by July 20th 2024 could be curtailed to June 30th, 2024 without affecting the existing works of T5.

2. Therefore, keeping in view the WAPDA's revised constraints and the existing Water Situation, IRSA decided that the water level at Tarbela dam shall be maintained at 1470 ft by June 30th 2024 instead of July 20th 2024, after that IRSA will be free to fill the dam as per the criteria. However, WAPDA shall make efforts to fill the dam up to 1475 ft in the next 10-days, if possible, to accommodate any variation in the river inflows.

3. The Authority also decided that with immediate effect the shortages to the provinces is reduced to zero and distribution is shifted to Para (2) of the Water Apportionment Accord (WAA) 1991, therefore, the following increased shares for Early Kharif 2024 are authorized to Punjab & Sindh Provinces:-

Province	IAC Approved Maximum Shares (MAF)	Revised Para (2) Share (MAF)	Increase in Share (MAF)
Punjab	9.266	12.424	+3.158
Sindh	5.548	8.292	+2.744

4. It was also decided by the Authority that the other water distribution parameters as decided in IRSA Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting held on 02.04.2024 shall remain the same.
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