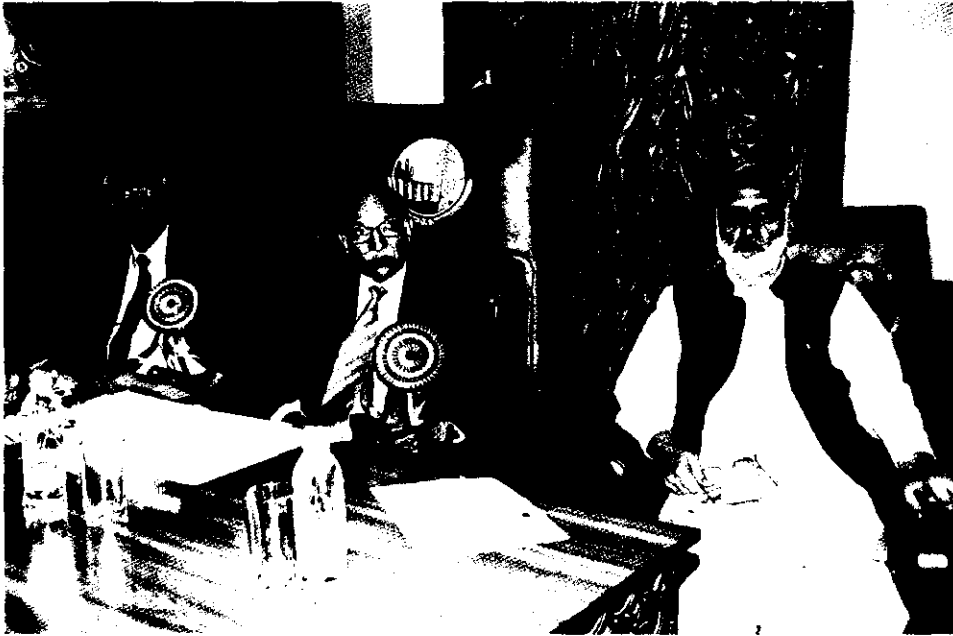


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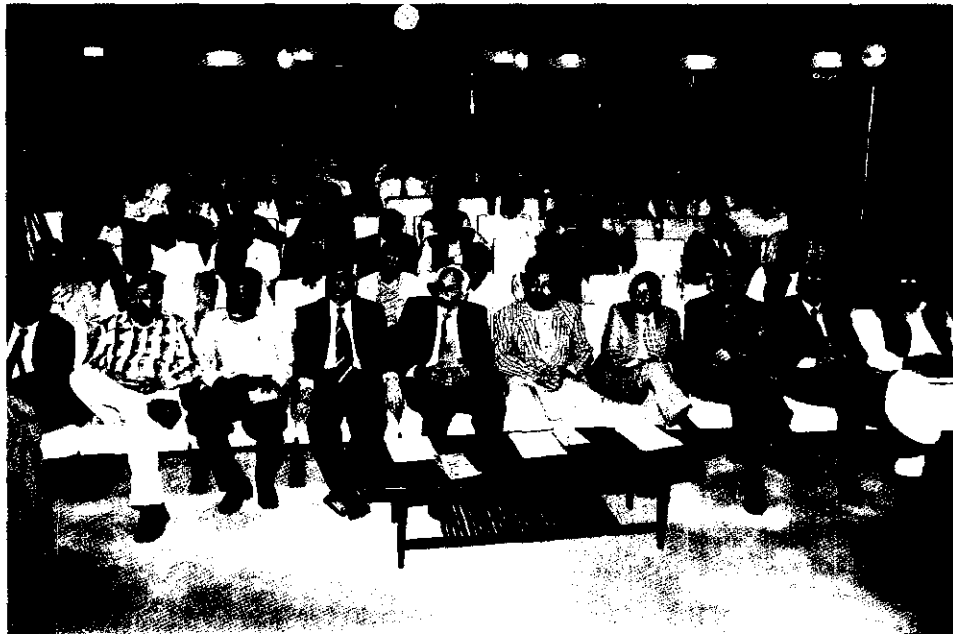


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FOREWORD

By

Engr. Ch. Ghulam Hussain*

on

WORLD WATER DAY

Water is life ; the Almighty Allah reveals in the Holy Quran that He created everything from water **وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ** and what an eye opening testimony that burgeoning population of humans, animals, birds, forests, trees, plants and all kinds of surface and water creatures is seen throbbing and humming at the river banks, water channels, underground reservoirs where water is available. Water is life is also manifest from non-existence of life in great deserts of the world. But water on earth is not limitless. It can, for certain, not keep up with the ever increasing demand. Its supply will continue to dwindle unless all the available resources are tapped, conserved and scrupulously availed of.

It was at the predictions of the “Think Tanks” that future wars would mainly be fought on the sharing of waters more so when it has been often brought out in the Media that with the astronomical evolution of communications, the world has by and large virtually been reduced to a global village and such a possibility would not be a lunatics cry. It is with this sort of trauma that the Nations of the world are seized with the acute problem as to how best to tap, conserve and avail water resources.

The comity of Nations rose to the occasion and in 1992 during the “United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)” in Rio de Janeiro took the initiative for observance of World Water Day starting on 22nd March of every year as of 1993.

Further, UNO during its 58th Session declared the period from 2005-2015 as the international decade for Action “Water for Life”. Starting on World Water Day – 22nd March 2005 it marks the start of it. The water for life decade 2005-2015 will boost the chances of achieving international water goals including those in U. N. Millennium declaration.

The aspects of available water resources, their conservation and usage are manifold. Every nation is engaged in addressing to the issue in the perspective of its respective requirements. In the context of Pakistan every year the World Water Day is observed with Seminars/Symposia where technical papers on various aspects of the issue are presented and discussed to enlighten and educate the engineers, scientists and the public at large.

The symposium on World Water Day for the year 2005 was held on 22nd March by

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Pakistan Engineering Congress, in collaboration with Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA). Six technical papers by eminent engineers/experts presented on the diverse fields from Large Dams to drinking water and public hygiene were as under :

- (i) Constructing New Dams for Pakistan's Survival by *Dr. Izhar-ul-Haq*, General Manager (Technical Services), WAPDA.
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There can be many more topics for the technical papers which can be attended to in this specific field at the future moots.

There has been a great demand from the Engineering Congress Members for publication of the above papers in a memorable volume.

Papers published in this volume are open for written discussion where Engineers and Scientists are invited to take part. This is an important issue, which merits continuous attention of the professionals as well as decision makers. Depending upon the volume of discussion papers received, the Congress would also like to publish a Discussion Volume in the intervening period 3 months before the next "World Water Day" on March 2006. ■

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By

Engr. Rana Muhammad Saeed Ahmad Khan*

on

WORLD WATER DAY

Honourable Chief Guest Engr. Muhammad Amin, Member (Water) WAPDA, distinguished guests. Members of the Congress, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this gathering for ceremonizing the World Water Day. I have also to thank the respected Chief Guest and all of you for finding some time to attend this event of global importance.

I am grateful for providing me an opportunity to be with you to address this august body of engineers and scientists all those who are concerned with the protection and conservation of water.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The International observance of World Water Day is an initiative that grew out of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro. The United Nations General Assembly designated 22nd March of each year as the World Water Day and it was started from 1993. Further UNO during its 58th Session declared the period from 2005 – 2015 the international decade for Action "Water for Life". Starting on World Water Day – 22nd March, 2005 it marks the start of a new United Nations International decade for action on Water. The water for life decade 2005 – 2015 will boost the chances of achieving international water goals including those in U. N. Millennium declaration.

"Water for Life" is a very broad slogan, which gives every body an opportunity to stress upon topics of their interests, the main areas in Pakistan are : Water for Health, Agriculture and Energy, Bio-Diversity and Environment. To achieve the goals we must aim at having a strong focus on implementation a water related programme and management of projects in Pakistan. The Water situation due to growth in population, rapid industrialization and extensive agriculture has been deteriorating day by day. The position has become more serious as the per capita water availability has dwindled down from 5260 Cubic Meter in 1951 to 1234 Cubic Meter in 2004 and if no remedial measures are taken immediately Pakistan is going to face water related disasters in near future.

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The 10 years period of 2005 – 2015 will be critical years to focus attention on matters related to the theme "Water for Life" and assuring that every one is aware of the urgency of the goals to be achieved that there is an urgent need of integral development of water resources and optimizing the use through storage and better regulation.

The "Water for Life" decade starts from today 22nd March, 2005. It's a unique occasion not just to highlight the magnitude of the problem but also to bring all stakeholders together to apply solutions that work in the overall interest of the nation.

Despite efforts by the Government the safe drinking water and sanitation in rural as well as urban areas is not very satisfactory. Hence, there is a need for having strong focus on implementation of drinking water related programme and also to encourage participation of women for the betterment of the people to control water borne diseases in Pakistan.

This decade will be crucial for the nation for intensifying advocacy efforts and action on the ground as integrated water resources management is required to deal with the water issues in a cost effective and environmentally sustainable way. We have to build many more Dams to meet our need for food, fiber and power required for domestic and industrial use. Kalabagh Dam being environmentally sustainable and technically sound warrants highest priority to help control aggravating water situation.

Ladies and Gentlemen : We have assembled here to remind ourselves about the fast approaching water crisis and the urgency of taking appropriate measures to combat such eventuality. I sincerely hope that this seminar on World Water Day will discuss valuable ideas and recommendations to be presented by the participants realizing the importance of the matter and come forward with their active support for environmentally sustainable water storage projects and for providing clean water to the public for better health.

Papers being presented today deal with diverse fields from large dams to drinking water and public hygiene. I will request all of you to kindly participate till the close of this sitting and provide your valuable input.

Thanking you.

PAKISTAN ZINDABAD

CONSTRUCTING NEW DAMS FOR PAKISTAN'S SURVIVAL

By

Dr. Izhar-ul-Haq*

GENERAL

The valleys of the River Indus and its tributaries, called "Indus River Basin" constitute the heart land of Pakistan. It includes the mountain basins of the north and the west, the Indus Plains, the Kachhi Plain, Desert areas of Sindh and the Rann of Kach. Population density is the highest in the canal irrigated areas in the north east of Indus Plains. The arid Plateaus and barren mountains, on the other hand, are least inhabited. The increasing population and the associated social, technical and economic activities all depend, directly or indirectly, on the exploitation of water as a resource.

Water security has been recognized as the principal concern for sustainable development in the 21st century. The availability of freshwater is one of the greatest issues facing mankind today. Human and agricultural demands continue to grow. The regions of the world that face shortages are growing in area and number.

Out of the entire water present on the earth, only about 2.5 percent is fresh and fit for direct use, of which 75 percent is locked up in ice caps and glaciers located in polar areas not easily accessible for use, while 24 percent is contained in groundwater reservoirs which has to be extracted before use. Thus, only one percent of the fresh water is available in lakes and rivers which has to be transported to the areas of use by constructing storage and diversion networks. It should be remembered that God has not blessed any region of the world with a rainfall pattern that would exactly match with the crop water requirements. It has to be appropriately managed to bring it in use for the mankind.

Water in today's context is a critical natural resource on the earth because of inadequate development, competing demands, wastage and degradation due to pollutants. The United Nations Organization (UNO) therefore, decided in 1993 to observe every year 22nd March as the World Water Day (WWD) to focus attention of the world community on the importance, need and urgency of preserving the quality and augmenting the quantity of water available in all places.

Storage capacity of dams constructed on Indus Basin System provided some flexibility to transfer surplus flows from Kharif to Rabi and overall provincial canal supplies increased by over 22 percent under the post-dams scenario. However, due to reduction in storage capacity as a result of silting of reservoirs, this flexibility has considerably reduced

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(Table-1). The total storage capacity is anticipated to decrease by over 6.03 MAF by the year 2010 which is equivalent to a mega dam. In order to meet immediate requirements of water and power, Pakistan should initiate the programme of construction of mega dam storage. On potential sites on river Indus.

WATER DEMAND

Pakistan's population currently at 141 million is projected to increase to 220 million in 2025. The percentage of urban population will increase from the current 35% to more than 60% in 2025.

The total area of Pakistan is 196 Million Acres (MA). Out of which 77.0 MA can be used for cultivation, but only about 54.5 MA is currently cultivated. Remaining 22.5 MA is lying barren for lack of water. (Fig- 1) presents the land use of Pakistan.

Increasing irrigation intensity of the existing cropped land, requires additional water to be available which will have to be achieved through a combination of improved water management, efficiency and additional water availability at critical times of the year. This would require expansion of existing irrigation infrastructure.

Major part (over 80%) of Pakistan is located in Arid to Semi-Arid Regions of the world where rainfall is highly deficient and does not match with crop water requirements. Water has to be appropriately managed to bring it in use for the crops. Analysis of flow of Western Rivers indicates that flows of Indus Basin are highly uneven in terms of time. More than 85 percent of river flows are concentrated during Kharif while only 15 percent flows are available in Rabi as compared to irrigation requirements of 60 and 40 percent in Kharif & Rabi respectively. High flow variations dictate that Pakistan should construct large number of mega dams to optimally meet crop water requirements across Kharif/Rabi, high flow years to low/drought years.

The stored water is already insufficient even to meet the needs of the existing cropped area and there is going to be a gradual reduction in stored water because of siltation of the reservoirs.

The net irrigation water requirement for crops in Pakistan was around 77.4 MAF for the year 2003-04. The water requirement for the period 2010-2011 would be 89 MAF and 114.64 MAF for the year 2024-25 (Table-2)

WATER AVAILABILITY

Pakistan receives water through Western Rivers (Indus, Chenab and Jhelum) which is recorded at the rim stations. In addition to this, Pakistan also gets some water through Eastern River (Sutlej, Beas & Ravi) which is recorded at various points below control points in India and also at different sites within Pakistan. In order to determine the availability of river flow, the post Tarbela flows of Western Rivers at the rim stations and flow of Sutlej River post-1980 and Ravi River post 1993-94 have been used for analysis. In addition, a few

hill torrents/nallahs which originate in the vicinity of Indo-Pakistan border and outfall in Eastern Rivers have been taken into account.

During the high flow periods, (July-September), large amount of water flows to the sea because of inadequate capacity of existing reservoirs. However, the average annual flows to the sea for the post-Tarbela period is around 35 MAF (Fig. - 2). This water flows down during two months of July, August and some times the floods create damage to property of the order of \$ 1 Billion per annum.

EXISTING WATER RESOURCES

Pakistan possesses one of the world largest contiguous irrigation system known as Indus Basin Irrigation System (Fig- 3). This system mainly comprises the Indus main river and its five major tributaries. After Indus Basin treaty with India in 1960, Pakistan was allotted the flows of three western rivers namely Indus, Jhelum and Chenab. The flows in these rivers are quite variable. About 84% flows occur in Kharif (Summer) season. The great variability of water flow has urged to develop and manage irrigation system in such a way so that assured and regular water supply for agriculture can be made available.

The system is comprised of two large reservoirs Mangla and Tarbela Dam, 23 barrages, 12 inter-river link canals and 48 perennial & non-perennial canal commands. The total length of main irrigation canals including distribution system is 60,000 km. The whole canal system serves about 90,000 water courses with approx length of 1 Million km. (Table-3) shows the Existing Water Storage Projects of Pakistan. In addition to this there are about 5 dozen small dams built, operated and maintained by the Provincial Small Dams Organizations. These dams supply water in the local areas both for irrigation and drinking.

After the construction of Mangla, Tarbela and Chashma reservoirs, the provincial canal diversions increased as:

Province	Pre-Dams	Post-Dam	% Increase *
Punjab	47.69	54.02	13.27
Sindh	35.56	44.47	25.06
NWFP	4.66	6.16	32.19
Balochistan	0.62	1.80	190.32
Pakistan	88.53	106.45	22.24

* The increase in canal diversions is primarily during Rabi season.

With the completion of Indus Basin Project, including three on-line storages, the Irrigation System attained a significant facility for integration of river supplies. As a consequence, the canal head diversions attained a peak of 106 MAF in Post-Tarbela period as compared to 67 MAF at the time of independence. Incidentally this reduced the flood damages frequency also.

Reservoir sedimentation is a major problem in Pakistan. Indus River brings on the average about 200 million tons of sediments per year at Tarbela and the reservoir is losing its capacity at the rate of 0.11 MAF per year. By the year 2010 these storages would lose 33% (6.03 MAF) of their capacities (Table-1). This virtually means loss of one mega storage project.

With the increased population, Pakistan is fast heading towards a situation of water shortage. Per capita surface water availability was 5650 m³ per person in 1951, which reduced to 1234 m³ per person in 2004 (Fig-4). According to Dr. Falken Mark criteria, water availability less than 1000 m³ per person creates acute shortage of water which effects the health of human beings. In the year 2012, Pakistan will be reaching the state of "acute water shortage" if no large dam is built. Pakistan would require nearly \$ 1.0 Billion per annum to import food and other agricultural requirements.

HYDROPOWER PROJECTS

At 8% power demand growth rate, Pakistan would face power shortages from year 2006. Based on the present generation capacity the hydel: Thermal mix in the country is 34:66, which is almost the reverse of an ideal hydel-Thermal mix which should be 70:30 for overall economic development of the Pakistan. The induction of thermal generation in nintys helped in overcoming load shedding but it resulted in substantial increase in power tariff.

For Pakistan, the corner stone of self reliance in power sector development is optimal utilization of hydel resources. Hydropower is the most important, non polluting renewable source of energy. Pakistan is fortunate to be endowed with economically exploitable hydropower potential of 43,000 MW (Table-4). It is a pity that Pakistan's power shortages are being largely met through thermal power rather than cheaper hydel alternative, which is eternally available source of energy and a bounty of nature in contrast to environmentally hazardous and non renewable sources of energy. If hydel power stations are not built, the country shall have to import furnace oil worth \$ 1.5 billion per annum for thermal power generation. The tariff would increase exorbitantly.

Small hydel power stations can not meet the demand and increase the hydel Thermal ratio. Therefore, a sizable injection of cheap hydropower through multipurpose storage is required to meet the demand and keep the cost of electricity within affordable limits.

CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS

After completion of Tarbela Dam project since 1976, the development of water storages has been at stand still. Although Ranking study of Hydropower Projects on river Indus & its tributaries was carried out in early eighties and Detailed Engineering Design & Tender Documents of Kalabagh Dam Project were prepared in mid eighties yet no project came up for implementation. Storage capacity of on line reservoirs is reducing due to siltation. The present storage capacity is only 11% of total surface flows.

Projects under execution are as follows:

Water Sector Projects	Hydro Power Projects
• Gomal Zam Dam	• Jinnah Barrage
• Mirani Dam	• Allai Khwar
• Raised Mangla Dam	• Khan Khwar
• Satpara Dam	• Duber Khwar
• Kurram Tangi Dam	• Golen Gole
• Greater Thal, Kachhi & Raineer Canals	• Neelum Jhelum

The following projects are under various phases of study:

- Basha Diemer Dam Project – Feasibility Detailed Design & Tenders
- Akhori Dam Project – Feasibility
- Sehwan Barrage – Feasibility
- Skardu Dam – Prefeasibility
- Bunji Hydro Power Project – Pre-Feasibility
- Dasu Hydro Power Project. – Pre-Feasibility

Enough water is available as discussed above in river Indus for storage. The sizeable (about 6 MAF) storage sites on river Indus are Kalabagh D/S of Tarbela, Basha and Skardu U/s Tarbela. There are other sites such as Bunji, Dasu, Pattan, Thakot etc. where run off the river Hydro Power projects can be built but the storage is less than 1 MAF. On tributaries of river Indus there are sites with very little storage but considerable head can be created by Tunnels. Three sites Khan Khwar, Duber Khwar and Alai Khwar are under construction.

Off channel storage sites have been investigated. The preferred site which has storage of about 6 MAF and has comparatively less environmental effects, is Akhori dam site which is under feasibility study.

CONCLUSIONS

- If a major dam is not built by year 2010 to replace the storage lost, Food import bill would amount to \$ 1.0 Billion/year and survival of the country would be at stake.
- Without building another major storage dam by the year 2015, it would not be possible to feed the growing population.
- If a mega hydro power project is not built, the fuel import bill would amount to \$ 1.5 Billion/annum.
- Because of high cost of imported fuel, the electricity tariff would be exorbitant. Pakistan's Industrial and Agricultural sector would not be competitive and would be eliminated.
- Mega storage project would alleviate the flood damages which are of the order of \$ 1 Million/annum.

RESERVOIR SEDIMENTATION (MAF) Table-1

RESERVOIR	GROSS STORAGE CAPACITY (MAF)		GROSS STORAGE LOSS		
	ORIGINAL	YEAR 2003	YEAR 2003 (MAF)	YEAR 2010 (MAF)	YEAR 2025 (MAF)
TARBELA	11.62 (1974)	8.48 (73%)	3.14 (27%)	3.95 (34%)	5.51 (47%)
MANGLA	5.88 (1967)	4.67 (79%)	1.21 (21%)	1.60 (27%)	1.97 (34%)
CHASHMA	0.87 (1971)	0.49 (56%)	0.38 (44%)	0.58 (55%)	0.50 (57%)
TOTAL	18.37	13.64 (74%)	4.73 (26%)	6.03 (33%)	7.98 (43%)

WATER DEMAND

Table-2

"	POPULATION	2005 2025	141 million 220 million
"	URBAN POPULATION	Currently 2025	35% 60%
"	TOTAL AREA	196 M ACRES	
	CULTIVABLE	77 MA	
	CULTIVATED	54.5 MA	
	REMAINING	22.5 MA	Needs Add. Water
"	To increase the crop yield requires additional water.		
"	Net Crop Water Requirement	2003-4 2010-11 2024-25	77.4 MAF 89 MAF 114.64 MAF
"	Domestic Demand	CurrentlyH 2025 H	4.0 MAF 10.5MAF

EXISTING SURFACE STORAGES

Table-3

PROJECT	RIVER	HT. OF DAM (FT.)	LIVE STORAGE (MAF)	POWER (MW)	PURPOSE
TARBELA(1976)	INDUS	485	9.30	3478	I,P
MANGLA (1966)	JHELMUM	380	4.82	1000	I,P
CHASHMA (1971)	INDUS	-	0.61	184	I,P
WARSAK (1960)	KABUL	250	0.04	240	I,P
BARAN DAM (1962)	KURRAM	107	0.03	4	I,P
HUB (1983)	HUB	151	0.76	-	I,W
KHANPUR (1984)	HARO	167	0.09	-	I,W
TANDA (1965)	KOHAT TOI	115	0.06	-	I
RAWAL (1962)	KURANG	114	0.04	-	W
SIMLY DAM (1972)	SOAN	215	0.02	-	W
BKD KHAN (1900)	PISHIN	35	0.04	-	I
HAMAL LAKE	-	-	0.08	-	I
MANCHAR LAKE	INDUS	-	0.75	-	I
KINJHAR LAKE	INDUS	-	0.32	-	I,W
CHOTIARI LAKE	INDUS	-	0.78	-	I
		TOTAL	17.74	4906	

I- IRRIGATION

P- POWER

W- WATER SUPPLY

PAKISTANS HYDROPOWER POTENTIAL

Table-4

SR. NO.	STATION/PROJECT	CAPACITY (MW)
1.	HYDEL STATIONS IN OPERATION	6463
2.	UNDER IMPLEMENTATION	419
	Allai Khawar 121 MW Khan Khawar 72 MW Duber Khawar 130 MW Jinnah Khawar 96 MW	
3.	PROJECTS FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPLETED	9321
4.	PROJECTS FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN HAND	10371
5.	PROJECTS FOR WHICH FEASIBILITY STUDIES ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT	16910
	TOTAL	43,484

LAND USE IN PAKISTAN

CATEGORY	AREA (MA)
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	196.0
AREA SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURE	77.1
CULTIVATED AREA (IRRIGATED + BARANI)	54.5
AREA UNDER IRRIGATION (BY ALL SOURCES)	44.4
ADDITIONAL AREA THAT CAN BE BROUGHT UNDER IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE	22.5

SOURCE: AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS OF PAKISTAN 1998-99

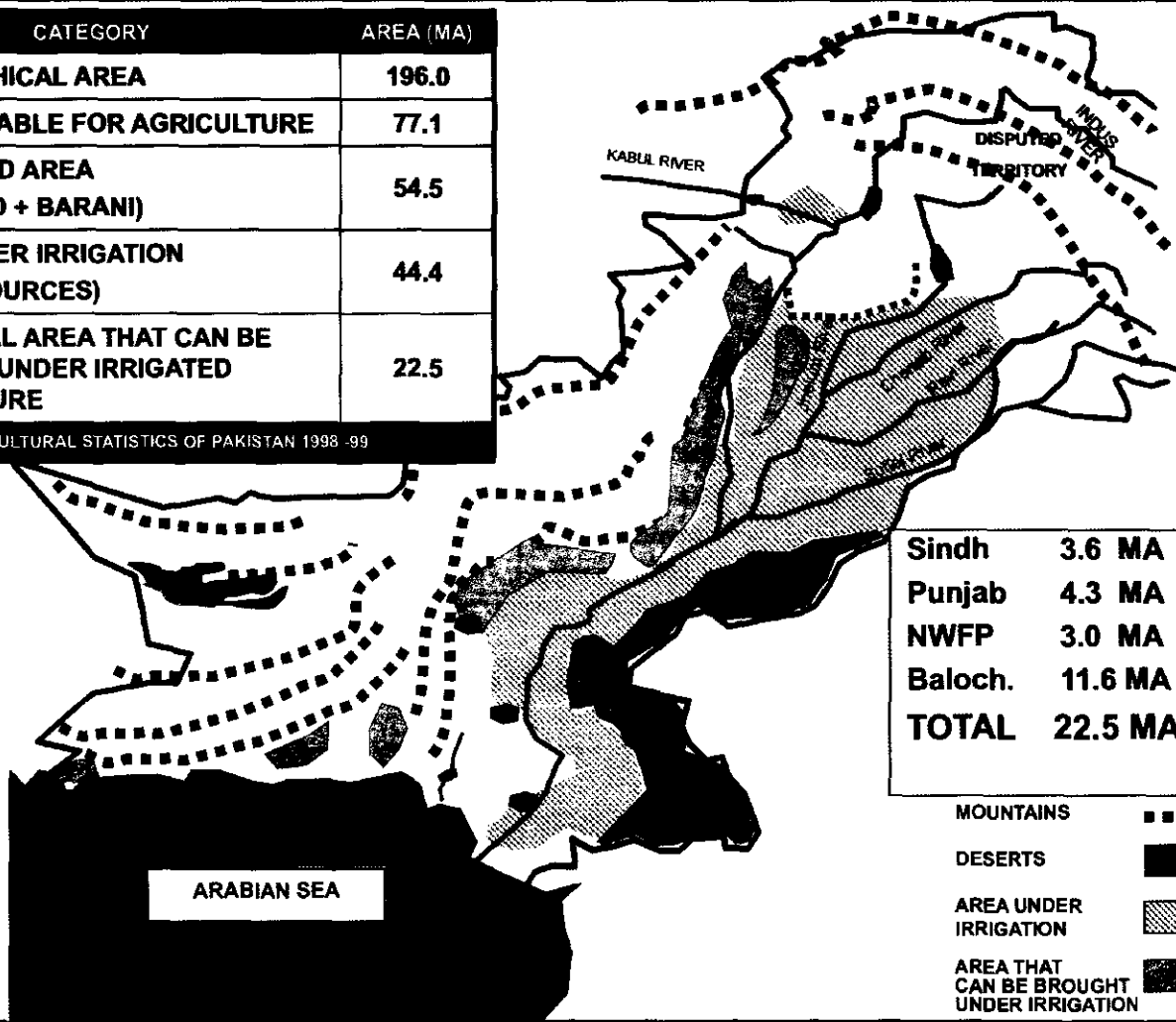


Fig.1

ESCAPAGE BELOW KOTRI

(HYDROLOGICAL YEAR FROM APRIL TO MARCH)

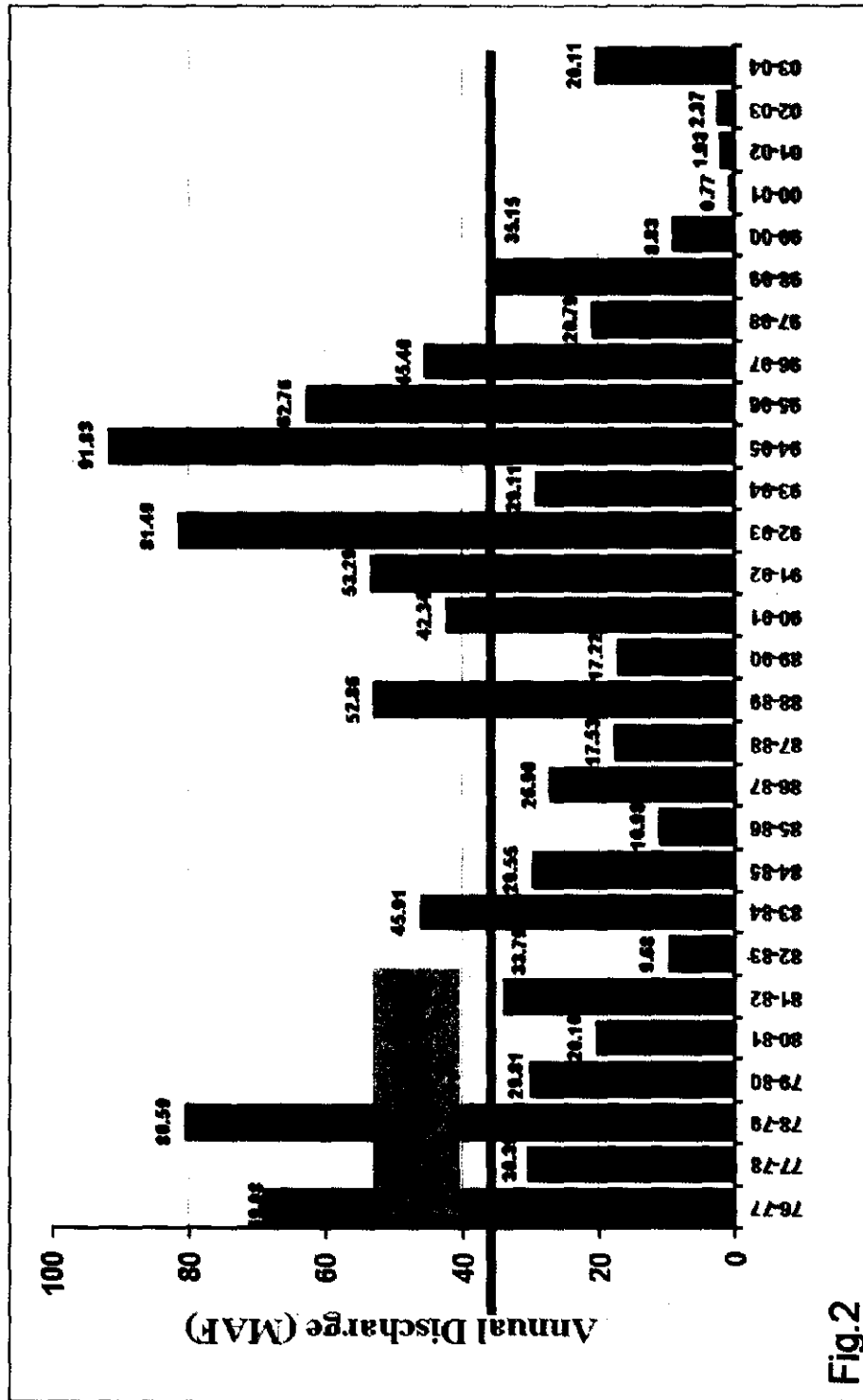
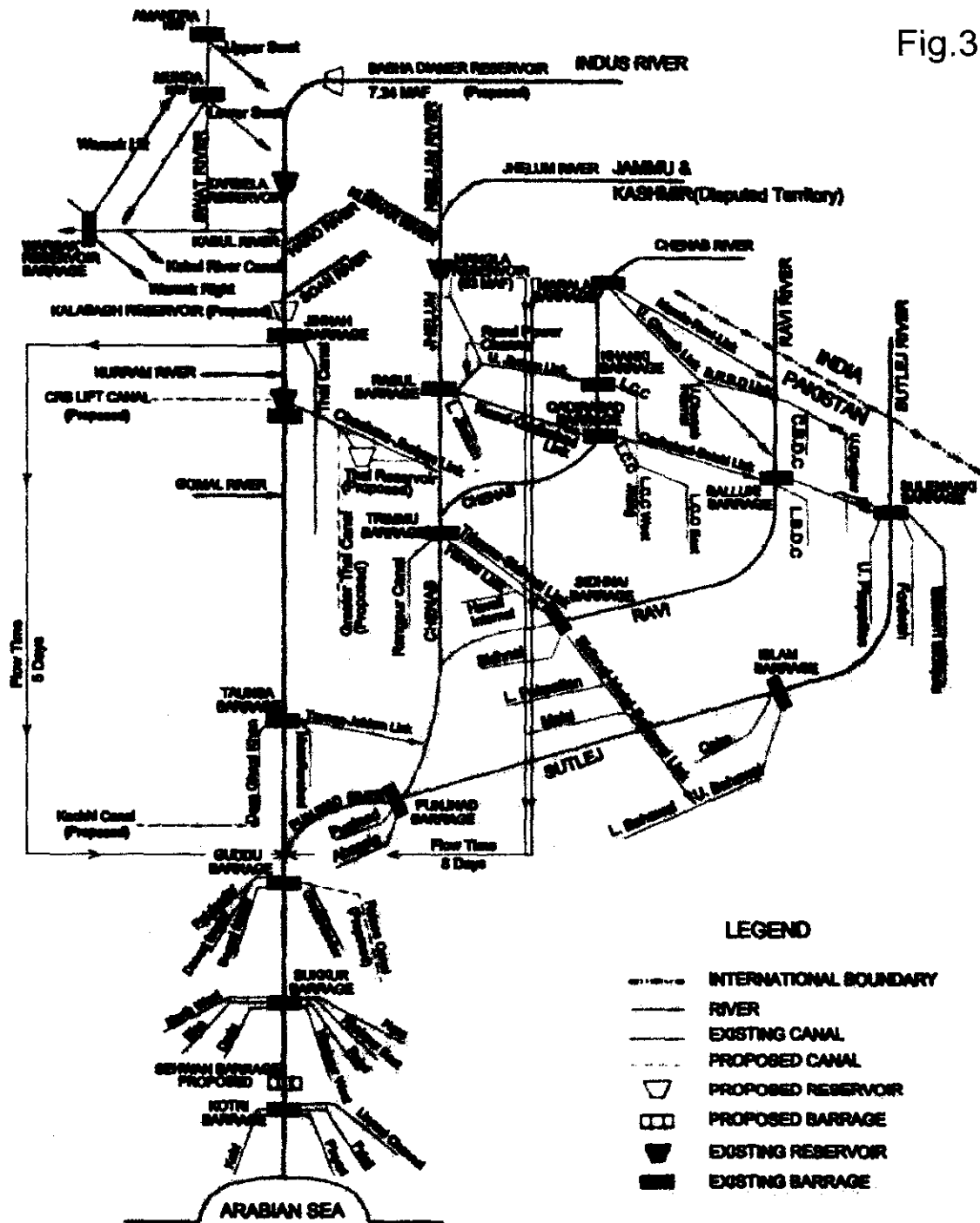


Fig.2

Fig.3



WATER AVAILABILITY Vs POPULATION GROWTH

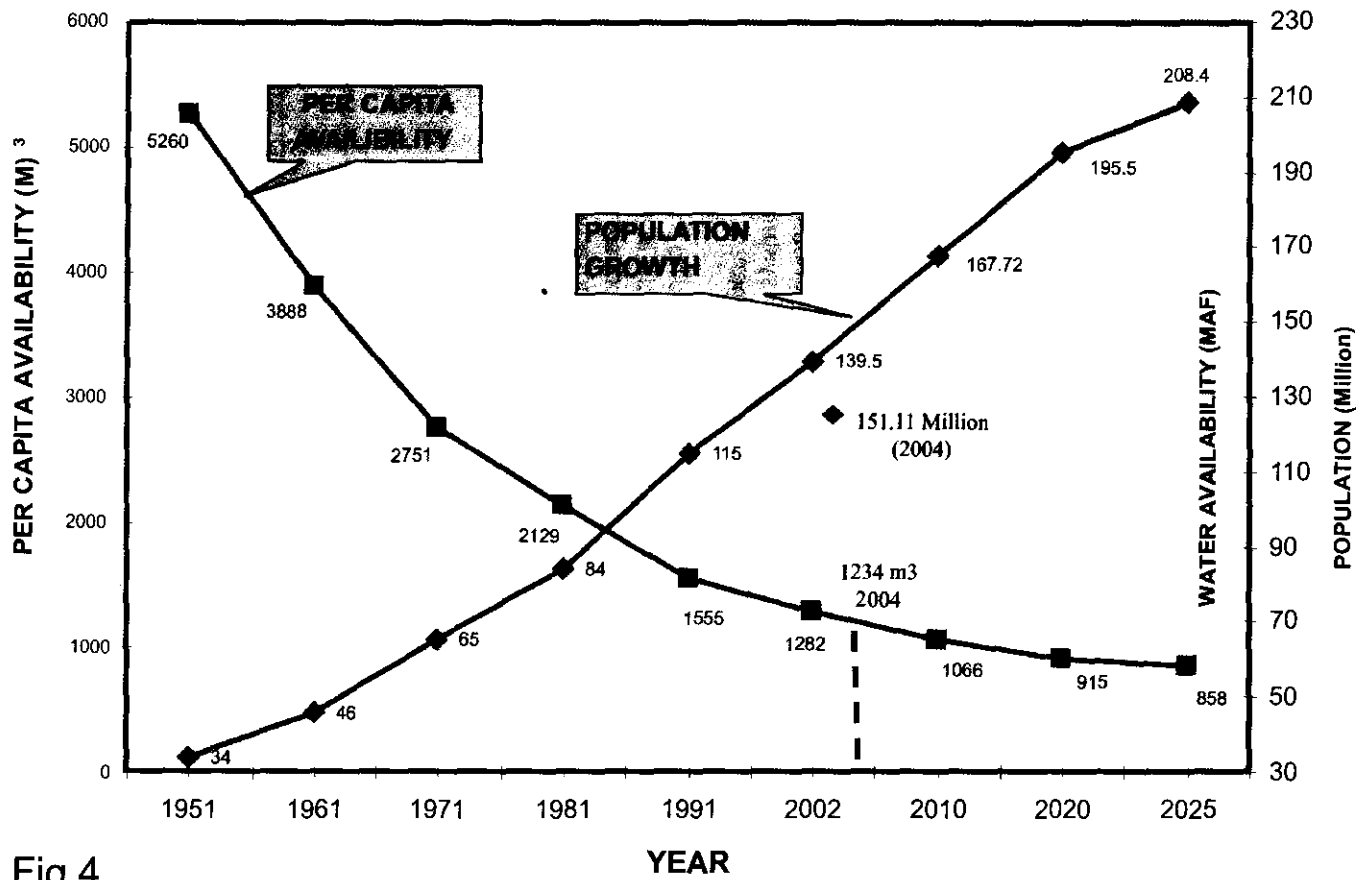


Fig.4

IMPLEMENTATION OF INDUS WATERS TREATY 1960

By

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1. Water is the single most important substance on the planet earth. Holy Quran emphasizes its importance through the verse:

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝
اور ہم نے پانی سے ہر شے کو زندہ کیا تو کیا پھر بھی وہ ایمان نہیں لاتے۔

2. This implicates that there would be no life without water. Water is the driving force behind all the environmental and ecosystems of our world. It regulates the weather systems, keeps the temperature of earth stable. Water has the ability to clean, absorb and transport other substances including the human beings.

3. Harnessing the water potential for the benefit/development of humanity started from inception of the world. The archeological remains of various old civilizations unearthed so far bear witness to the water collection and distribution systems for municipal and agricultural uses. Holy Quran tells us about the oldest dam in Yemen.

4. With the increase in population, the world is facing the threat of water shortage. It has been observed by the scholars that the future conflicts in the world will base on the water issues. This highlights the importance and need for conservation and effective utilization of the available water resources. Pakistan being an agrarian economy should increase its efforts for developing storage and conservation projects as it is already facing scarcity of water resources. Table-1 below indicates the socio-economic impacts of water scarcity.

Table-1
WATER SCARCITY INDICATORS
(Faulkenmark Indicator)

> 1700 M ³ /Capita	Water Scarcity Rare
< 1700 M ³ /Capita	Country faces seasonal or regular water-stressed conditions
< 1000 M ³ /Capita	Water shortages hamper the health and well being of the human beings. Economic activities are affected
< 500 M ³ /Capita	Shortages are severe constraints to human life

5. Pakistan, which at the time of independence had more than 5,000 m³/capita availability of water, has now only 1000 m³/capita. This is a very dangerous scenario and

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needs immediate attention of the planners and decision makers. If concrete steps are not taken for thwarting this threat, the country will face stagnation in Agricultural growth, increasing dependence on other nations for food and hampering of industrial development. Even the municipal supplies would be restricted causing damage to human health and living conditions. The inter-provincial disputes regarding water would further aggravate threatening the national harmony and unity.

6. Pakistan has a long history of water related problems. As a result of partition of sub-continent, the boundary line between India and Pakistan cut across the rivers and the channels of the Indus Basin River System. In the first year of independence, India cut off the supply of Eastern Rivers at Madhopur and Ferozepure Headworks, depriving Pakistan for the supplies through Upper Bari Doab Canal and Dipalpur Canal. The matter was taken up with India and an Inter-Dominion Agreement was signed on 4th May 1948, reviving the supplies conditionally. Negotiations were held to resolve the dispute between the two countries but remained in vain. In 1951, Mr. David, E. Lillenthal, a distinguished American Engineer, after visiting Indus Basin in both the countries, contributed an article in an American Magazine (Collier's) suggesting that instead of political solution, this issue could be easily resolved by common sense and engineering. The matter was further pursued by the President of IBRD, Mr. Eugene R. Black, who offered to help in resolution of the dispute. The matter was ultimately resolved under the good offices of World Bank. The Indus System of Rivers comprises three Eastern Rivers (The Sutlej, The Beas and The Ravi) and three Western Rivers (The Indus, The Jhelum and The Chenab). The annual mean volume of flow of the three Eastern Rivers was assessed at 33 MAF while that of Western Rivers as 135 MAF.

7. The Indus Waters Treaty 1960 was signed on 19th September 1960 at Karachi. President Muhammad Ayub Khan and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru were the signatories on behalf of their countries, while Mr. W.A.B. Iliff signed on behalf of IBRD (World Bank). The signing of the Treaty brought to end the period of uncertainty and opened doors of development in water sector for both the countries. Unfortunately, after completion of Indus Basin Projects, Pakistan did not undertake any major project and is today under the threat of acute water shortage.

8. Indus Waters Treaty is a unique Treaty in the sense that it has divided the rivers between the two countries whereas almost all other Treaties (see Table 2) share the waters of the rivers between co-riparians.

Table 2

TREATIES ON INTERNATIONAL RIVERS

➤ Major Transboundary river basin	=	214
➤ International rivers	=	263
➤ Europe	=	69
➤ Asia	=	57

➤ Africa	=	59
➤ North & Central American	=	40
➤ South America	=	38
➤ Treaties on non-navigational water use(1805-1984)	=	3600
➤ Treaties Since 1945	=	300

9. Under the Treaty, the waters of Eastern Rivers (estimated about 33 MAF) were fully allocated for unrestricted use to India, whereas the waters of Western Rivers (estimated to 135 MAF) were allocated to Pakistan. However, India was allowed some restricted uses for existing and future agricultural supplies, generation of hydroelectric power, domestic and non-consumptive use (See Tables 3 & 4).

Table 3

**STORAGE ON THE CONSERVATION STORAGE CAPACITY
WESTERN RIVERS ALLOWED TO INDIA**

<i>River system</i>		<i>General Storage</i>	<i>Power Storage</i>	<i>Flood Storage</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
.....Million acre feet.....				
(a)	The Indus	0.25	0.15	Nil
(b)	The Jhelum (excluding the Jhelum main)	0.50	0.25	0.75
(c)	The Jhelum main	Nil	Nil	As provided in Paragraph 9
(d)	The Chenab (excluding the Chenab main)	0.50	0.60	Nil
(e)	The Chenab main	Nil	0.60	Nil

Table 4

**INDIA'S ENTITLEMENT FOR
AGRICULTURAL USES FROM WESTERN RIVERS**

River	Effective Date	Add-Area	Total	From Flow	03-04
				<i>Figures in Acres</i>	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Indus	42,179	70,000	112,179	112,179	50,766
Jhelum	517,909	400,000	917,909	667,909	644,362
Chenab	82,389	231,000	313,389	157,389	117,446
Total	642,477	701,000	1,343,477	937,477	812,574

10. It may be noted that intention of the framers of the Treaty (by dividing the rivers) was the need to limit the capacity of India (being upper riparian) to manipulate, at will, the waters of Western Rivers. This is evident from the following excerpts from the proposal of the World Bank dated 5th February, 1954:-

i. *It is desirable, so far as practicable, to avoid control by India over waters on which Pakistan will be dependent and to enable each country to control the works supplying the water allocated to it and determine in its own interests the apportionment of waters within its own territories.*

ii. *The Chenab river rises in India, and before it enters Kashmir, provides a substantial flow that could be diverted for use by India. Assurance by India that the flow of this river **will not be disturbed**, is essential.*

11. Both India and Pakistan have created a post of Commissioner for Indus Waters in accordance with the Treaty. Together, the two Commissioners constitute Permanent Indus Commission (the Commission), whose function is to establish and maintain cooperative arrangements for implementation of the Treaty and to promote cooperation between the Parties for development of waters of the rivers. The Commission is also required to make every effort to settle promptly any question arising between the Parties in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty. The Commission serves as a regular channel of communication on all the matters relating to implementation of the Treaty. To achieve these goals, besides correspondence, the Commission meets regularly (at least once a year) and conducts Tours of Inspection of the Rivers/River Works in both the countries. Details of meetings and Tours of Inspection by the Commission are presented in Table 5.

Table 5

FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSION

➤	The two Commissioners appointed by each Government form the Permanent Indus Commission	
➤	Each Commissioner is representative of his Government and serves as the regular channel of communication	
➤	General Tours of Inspection	103
➤	Special Tours of Inspection	
➤	Meetings	96
➤	Settlement of Differences & Disputes	

MAJOR ISSUES WITH INDIA

12. Since its signing in 1960, the Indus Waters Treaty has stood the test of time. It has worked well even during the times of high political and military tensions between the two countries. No major obstacle has so far been created in the implementation of the Treaty by either side. Following major issues have cropped up between the two countries since 1960:-

Issues Resolved

- i. Irrigated Cropped Area as on Effective Date
- ii. Salal Plant on river Chenab

Issues Under Resolution

- iii. Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant on river Chenab
- iv. Wullar Barrage and Storage Project/Tulbul Navigation Project on river Jhelum
- v. Kishenganga Storage cum Hydroelectric Project on river Neelum

13. Brief description of the above issues is given hereunder:

i. Irrigated Cropped Area as on Effective Date

The provisions of Article III (2) of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 allow India certain restricted Agricultural Uses from the waters of Western Rivers, as set out in Annexure C to the Treaty. Under Paragraph 4 of Annexure C, India may withdraw, in addition to the existing uses as on Effective Date, i.e. 1-4-1960, waters from Western Rivers for irrigating new areas to the extent of 70,000 acres from The Indus, 400,000 acres from The Jhelum and 231,000 acres from The Chenab. However, until India can release waters from the conservation storage, the new areas developed from supplies of The Jhelum and The Chenab are not to exceed 150,000 acres and 75,000 acres respectively. So far, India has not developed any conservation storage for Agricultural Use.

In accordance with Paragraph 10 of Annexure C to the Treaty, India was obliged to furnish to Pakistan a statement showing Irrigated Cropped Area as on Effective Date not later than 31st March, 1960. India supplied on said date the total Irrigated Cropped Area to the tune of 694,567 acres, which was later revised to 692,477 acres. After examining the details provided by India, Pakistan Commissioner objected to the authenticity of the area and sought certain clarifications. The matter remained under correspondence for a long period. Ultimately, the issue was taken up in the meeting of the Commission. After detailed deliberations from both sides, India, in the 55th meeting of the Commission in 1982, furnished a statement reducing the Irrigated Cropped Area to 642,477 acres. It was agreed that this statement will be taken as the statement that has been furnished by India under the provision of Paragraph 10 of Annexure C to the Treaty. Thus, Pakistan succeeded in getting the Irrigated Cropped Area as on Effective Date reduced by 50,000 acres.

ii. Salal Hydroelectric Plant on river Chenab

The design of Salal Hydroelectric Plant received from India in 1974 was not found conforming to the criteria laid down in the Treaty in the following respects:-

- (i) Works proposed appeared to be capable of artificially raising the water level in the reservoir beyond the full reservoir level in contravention of Paragraph 8(a) of Annexure 'D' to the Treaty.

- (ii) A gated spillway had been provided in the design, although the site permitted the provision of ungated spillway, in contravention of Paragraph 8(e) of Annexure 'D' to the Treaty.
- (iii) Outlets had been provided below the Dead Storage Level which are not necessary in terms of Paragraph 8(d) of Annexure 'D' to the Treaty.
- (iv) The intakes for the turbines are proposed to be located at a level lower than required in contravention of Paragraph 8(f) of Annexure 'D'.

Indian Commissioner disagreed with the Pakistan Commissioner's views and despite protracted correspondence and discussions at the meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission (comprising Indian and Pakistan Commissioners for Indus Waters) the differences could not be resolved. In December 1974, the Indian Commissioner expressed his inability to proceed further in the matter under the provisions of the Treaty as Government of India wished to take up the matter directly with the Government of Pakistan.

Subsequently, at the invitation of the Indian Foreign Secretary, the matter was discussed between the delegations of the two countries headed by the two Foreign Secretaries in May 1975 at New Delhi. This led to the supply of substantial additional information regarding the Project by India and subsequently holding of four meetings between the two Commissioners. However, no headway towards resolution could be made and on 19th July, 1976, PCIW invoked proceedings for appointment of a Neutral Expert.

On the receipt of Pakistan Commissioner's letter, the Indian Foreign Secretary suggested that the two Governments should make another attempt to resolve the matter through bilateral discussions. As a consequence, two meetings at the level of Foreign Secretaries were held during October 1976, one at New Delhi and the other at Islamabad. At the New Delhi meeting the Indian Foreign Secretary ultimately offered the closing of all the six low level outlets after one year of the operation of the Project and to reduce the height of the Spillway gates from 40 feet to 30 feet. The Indian delegation maintained that this was their final offer and they could not improve upon it. At the Islamabad meeting, the Indian delegation did not agree to any further reduction in the height of the gates.

The negotiations between the two Governments were resumed in April 1978, and the agreement was signed at New Delhi on 14th April 1978. Important features are given hereunder:-

- (i) The height of the spillway gates should not exceed 30 feet.
- (ii) All the 6 low level outlets should be plugged within one year of the completion of operation of the Project.
- (iii) Intakes for the turbines may be located as proposed in the present design.
- (iv) Pakistan may agree to the diversion programme as proposed by India.

iii. Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant on river Chenab

India supplied information about the Plant in May, 1992 under the relevant provision of the Treaty. The Plant is located on river Chenab about 147 Kilometers upstream of Marala Headworks. The design of the Plant supplied by India envisages construction of 317 meter long and 144.5 meter high concrete gravity dam with Gross Storage of 0.32 Million Acre Feet (MAF) and Live Storage of 0.03 Million Acre Feet. In Stage-I of the Project, three units of 150 Megawatt (MW) each would be utilizing 15475 Cusecs of water. Three similar units have been proposed in Stage-II. The orifice type gated spillway is provided in the middle of the dam with Crest Level at elevation of 808 meter.

Pakistan raised objection on the design of the orifice type gated spillway, excessive pondage/operating pool behind the dam and higher water seal at the intake of the power tunnel. India did not agree to the objections raised by Pakistan and maintained that design was in conformity with the Treaty provisions. A study made on the effects of Indian design revealed that the low level gates will provide India a manipulatable capacity of about 164,000 Acre Feet of Storage behind the dam. If maloperated for stoppage, it may reduce/stop supplies of river Chenab reaching Marala for about 26-28 days during winter months. This may harm our uses from Marala-Ravi (MR), Bombanwal-Ravi-Badian-Depalpur (BRBD) link canal and upper Chenab Canal (UCC).

After having discussed Pakistan's objections on the design of the Plant in various meetings of the Commission, Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters (PCIW) recorded failure of the Commission in resolving the questions framed by Pakistan in February, 2003. This was followed by a notice to India on 8th May, 2003 about Pakistan's intention to proceed with the resolution through a Neutral Expert under the Treaty. Since the two Governments were unable to appoint the Neutral Expert as per request by PCIW of 20th June, 2003, the World Bank was requested on 15th January, 2005 to appoint a Neutral Expert.

World Bank appointed Mr. Raymond Lafitte from Switzerland as a Neutral Expert on 10 May, 2005, who called both the Parties for first meeting on 9-10 June, 2005 for determining the procedure to be adopted by him.

iv. Wullar Barrage and Storage Project /Tulbul Navigation Project on river Jhelum

The construction of Wullar Barrage was started by India on river Jhelum in 1985 under the garb of Tulbul Navigation Project without informing Pakistan. A strong protest was lodged by Pakistan and India was asked to stop the work and supply information as per Treaty provisions. India supplied information in March, 1986. The project envisages construction of a barrage at the outfall of natural Wullar Lake on the Jhelum Main. Wullar Barrage would be 439 feet in length having a gated weir and under sluices, and a 40 feet wide navigation lock. It would have a maximum discharge capacity of 50,000 cusecs. Thus, it might be possible to store about 0.30 Million Acre Feet of water in the Lake behind the Wullar Barrage. If India is allowed to go by the project, the Wullar Lake, being a natural lake, would become a man-made reservoir/storage. Further, the Wullar Barrage would enable India to have a control on the waters of river Jhelum. The Commission made efforts to resolve the issue but did not succeed. Then, on the request of India, the matter was taken up by the two Governments. India agreed to stop the construction and bilateral talks started in 1987, which are inconclusive so far.