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Indus Treaty with Pakistan put on hold

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Context

• India will hold the **1960 Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan** “in abeyance with immediate effect”, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri announced on Wednesday. It is part of the five pronged response that was decided upon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)** in the aftermath of the terror strike in Pahalgam that left 26 dead

THE 5 DECISIONS

- Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 put on hold
- Attari Integrated Check Post shut
- SAARC visa scheme for Pakistanis stopped
- Military advisers in Pak mission to leave
- High Commission strength cut to 30

SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme

- The SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit (Islamabad, 29-31 December 1988), while realizing the importance of having people to people contacts, among the peoples of SAARC countries, decided that **certain categories of dignitaries should be entitled to a Special Travel document**, which would **exempt them from visas within the region**. As directed by the Summit, the Council of Ministers regularly kept under review the list of entitled categories.
- Currently, the list included **24 categories** of entitled persons, which include **Dignitaries, Judges of higher courts, Parliamentarians, Senior Officials, Businessmen, Journalists, Sportsmen etc.**
- The **Visa Stickers are issued** by the respective Member States to the entitled categories of that particular country.

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The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)

■ The distribution of waters of the Indus and its tributaries between India and Pakistan is governed by the Indus Water Treaty (IWT).

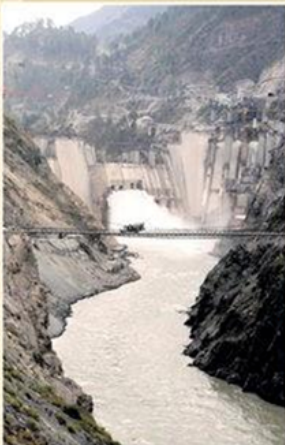
■ Was signed on Sept 19, 1960, between India, Pakistan and a representative of World Bank after eight years of negotiations.

■ Partition of India cut across the Indus river basin, which has the Indus river, plus five of its main tributaries.

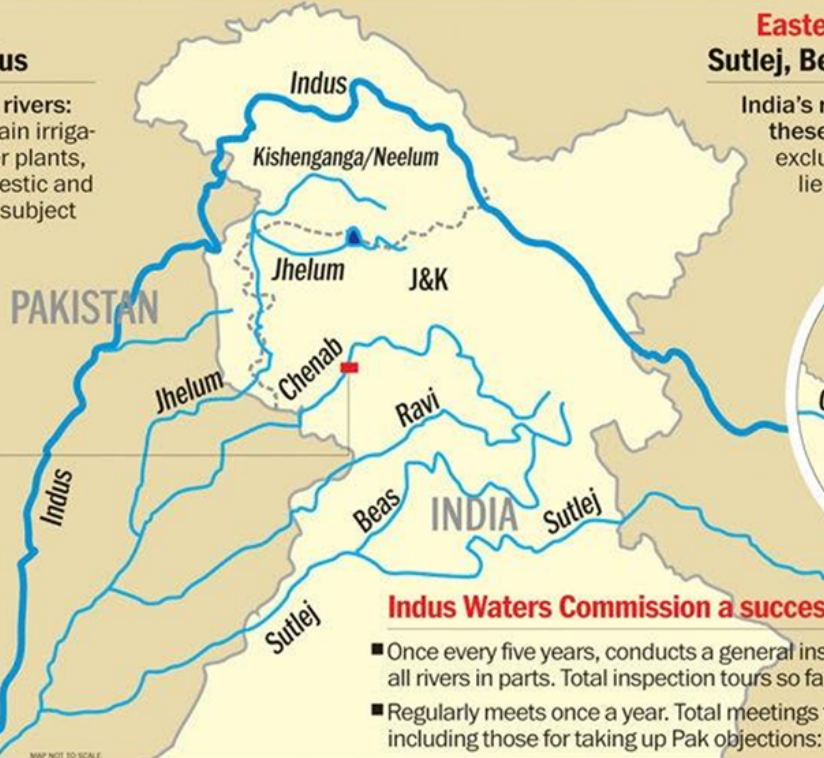
Western rivers

Chenab, Jhelum, Indus

India's rights over these rivers: Limited — can set up certain irrigation, run-of-the-river power plants, very limited storage, domestic and non-consumptive use, all subject to conditions



Baglihar dam on Chenab



Eastern rivers

Sutlej, Beas, Ravi

India's rights over these rivers: All exclusive rights lie with India.

Indus Waters Commission a success story

- Once every five years, conducts a general inspection of all rivers in parts. Total inspection tours so far: Over 100
- Regularly meets once a year. Total meetings thus far, including those for taking up Pak objections: Over 100

Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)

- It is headed by the **Prime Minister**.
- The Committee discusses, debates, and is the apex body when it comes to the **appointments of the officials in the national security bodies**.
- It also makes all the important **decisions on defence policy and expenditure and, generally, all matters of India's security**.
- Members: **PM, Ministers of Defence, Home Affairs, Finance and External Affairs**.

Cabinet Committee

- Cabinet Committees are **extra-constitutional**, meaning, they are **NOT mentioned in the Indian Constitution**.
- They are designed to **reduce the burden on the Union Cabinet** by allowing smaller groups of ministers to make decisions on specific policy areas.
- They are **constituted or reconstituted when a new government takes over** or the Cabinet undergoes a reshuffle.
- There are a total of **8 cabinet committees**:

1 Cabinet Committee on **Economic Affairs**.

2 Cabinet Committee on **Political Affairs**.

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3 Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth.

4 Cabinet Committee on **Security**.

5 Cabinet Committee on **Parliamentary Affairs**.

6 Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development.

7 Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.

8 **Appointments Committee** of the Cabinet.

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