

CENTRE LISTS PROJECTS TO STOP FLOW OF INDIA'S SHARE OF WATER TO PAK.

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A day after Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said India had decided to “stop” the flow of its share of river water to Pakistan, the Water Resources Ministry on Friday issued details of various projects being implemented for the same.

The Indus system comprises the rivers Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej. The basin is mainly shared between India and Pakistan with a small share for China and Afghanistan, the Ministry said in the statement.

Under the Indus Water Treaty signed by India and Pakistan in 1960, the waters of three rivers — Ravi, Sutlej and Beas (eastern rivers) of about 33 million acre feet (MAF) were allocated to India for exclusive use.

About 2 MAF of water annually from the Ravi is reported to be still flowing unutilised to Pakistan below Madhopur.

Among India's various schemes is the Shahpurkandi project that will help in utilising the water from the Thein dam to irrigate 37,000 hectares of land in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab, and generate 206 MW of power, the statement said.

Another facility is the Ujh multipurpose project that will create a storage of about 781 million cubic metre of water on river Ujh , a tributary of Ravi.

The third project is the second Ravi-Beas link below Ujh, the statement said.

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