



BOARD OF REVENUE, PUNJAB
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
152-B, Noon Avenue, New Muslim Town, Lahore
FLOOD ALERT



Letter No: PEOC (Flood Alert)-2026/23

Dated: 20th May, 2026

To:

1. Divisional Commissioner Gujranwala/Gujrat, Faisalabad
2. Deputy Commissioners Sialkot, Gujranwala/Wazirabad, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahuddin, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Chiniot

SUBJECT: EMERGENT SILT FLUSHING OF SALAL DAM RESERVOIR ON RIVER CHENAB – PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT MARALA BARRAGE

According to Irrigation Department (vide Letter No. SO(Floods)VII-22/2017(P)), the Ministry of Water Resources/PCIW has intimated that the **spillway gates of the Salal Dam on River Chenab are scheduled to be opened from 21-05-2026 (09:00 AM) to 30-05-2026 for reservoir silt flushing**. According to the advisory, **the water level in River Chenab may rise abruptly by 2 to 3 meters**. The sudden release of water, coupled with a heavy sediment load, may result in significant fluctuations in river flows entering Pakistan, particularly at Marala Barrage.

2. In view of the situation, the Irrigation Department has already placed its field formations on high alert to closely monitor the river regime, regulate canal withdrawals, and ensure the safe operation of barrage ponds.
3. In order to maintain high level of preparedness and mitigation of the disaster all the District administrations and line departments are requested to ensure the following measures:
 - i. Ensure **sufficient staffing round-the-clock in DEOCs** for effective coordination and response.
 - ii. **Coordinate** with PDMA and all relevant departments to ensure **a unified prompt response**.
 - iii. Ensure accurate and timely dissemination of **information on safety measures and evacuation plans** through **electronic and social media**.
 - iv. Ensure **pre-placement of heavy earth-moving machinery** at chokepoints and vulnerable areas for managing breaches/cuts and restoration of roads.
 - v. Ensure strengthening of embankments and **inspection of flood protection structures**.
 - vi. **Remove any obstructions** in water channels to ensure smooth water flow.
 - vii. Deploy **additional staff** and resources to high-risk areas.
 - viii. Stay **alert Rescue 1122** and ensure pre-position search and rescue teams (DRF) along with necessary equipment
 - ix. Generate **Situation Reports (SITREPS)** to cover any major incidents/developments on regular basis.
 - x. Ensure **data collection and reporting** for post-flood analysis and improvement
4. Respective information is submitted for necessary action.

CC:

- 1) Chief Secretary, Punjab
- 2) SMBR/Relief Commissioner, Punjab, Lahore
- 3) Director General, PDMA, Punjab.

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