

**AGREEMENT ON AD-HOC SHARING OF THE TEESTA WATERS
BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH REACHED DURING THE
25TH MEETING OF THE INDO-BANGLADESH JOINT RIVERS
COMMISSION HELD IN JULY, 1983 AT DHAKA**

The Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission had discussions on sharing of the Tista/Teesta waters and recognized that this will need to be based on intensive scientific studies on the lines agreed upon at the 16th meeting of the Commission. These studies will commence forthwith and be completed by the Joint Teesta/Tista Committee before 1985 end.

Pending completion of scientific studies it was agreed in a spirit of friendship and good neighbourliness that an ad hoc sharing of the Teesta/Tista flows during the dry season will be done. The agreed ad hoc sharing will be 36% for Bangladesh, 39% for India and remaining 25% unallocated of the flows of the Teesta/Tista waters. These ad hoc shares and the unallocated portion are subject to re-allocation after the scientific studies are completed. The ad hoc sharing would be valid till 1985 end.

It was further agreed that the Secretaries in-charge of Irrigation in the Governments of India and Bangladesh should meet urgently for incorporating this ad hoc sharing arrangement into a formal document spelling out the location/locations at which sharing should be made effective and detailing the modalities for flow measurement arrangements for monitoring the implementation, etc., and present their recommendation in 90 days for consideration of the Joint Rivers Commission.

Dated, Dhaka;
the 20th July, 1983.

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