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## Ahsan Iqbal emphasizes on building dams to get rid of a drought like 'Thar'

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal hints that a drought like Thar situation will strike all the areas of the Pakistan if dams wouldn't build sooner, ARY News reported.



While addressing the launching ceremony of workshop organized by SUPARCO in collaboration with UNESCO on ' Safe, Connected Communities against Floods through RS and GIS Tools', Ahsan Iqbal said effective planning and pre-emptive measures were not taken to tackle water issue.

“The previous governments failed to build dams in the country and today India is building dams while occupying the rivers meant to be the possession of Pakistan”, he added.

He said the government will soon announce a water policy for its proper usage and to prevent its wastage.

The Minister said that a national conference has been called on March 20 to design the National Water Policy, which would be attended by federal and provincial representatives.

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