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Pak's Indus Team in India to Inspect Two Hydel Power Projects on Chenab

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New Delhi: A three-member Pakistani delegation led by its Indus Water Commissioner Syed Mehr Ali Shah is visiting India from Sunday to inspect two hydel power projects on the Chenab river basin as part of the bilateral Indus Water Treaty.

India recently agreed to allow Pakistan to inspect the projects on Chenab basin from January 28-31. India's Indus Waters Commission has invited its Pakistani counterpart to visit the country for the inspection of projects on the Chenab basin under

the provisions of the treaty.

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He further wrote on the micro-blogging site: "I've directed my team to visit and carry out inspection of projects from January 27-February 1. It's indeed a feather in ministry for water resources' cap. We welcome this gesture from India and we expect the same spirit for resolution of other outstanding issues."

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vides for meeting of the commissioners at least once every year, alternately in India and Pakistan.