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**Idukki, Dam, Inflow Decreased**

# Inflow to dam decreases; tension eases downstream

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**Kochi:** The latest reports show that inflow to Idukki dam has decreased, which means that there isn't the need for opening the shutters of the dam for the time being. As a result, tense situation in Aluva, Kunnathunad and Paruvur taluks have been eased to a certain extent.

District administration, however, convened meetings of tahsildars and villages officers in these taluks to assess the situation.

District collector K Mohammed Y Safirulla gave instructions to the officials to keep vigil. "The collector asked the officials to

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identify most vulnerable areas in their limits. We have been asked to get ready to meet any emergency," said Sheela Devi, deputy collector, disaster management, Ernakulam.

"It is learnt that inflow to the dam has become lean and shutters may not be opened immediately," she said.

MLA Anwar Sadath also convened a meeting of officials in Aluva taluk.

"As per the reports by revenue department, around 4,500 families in Aluva taluk will have to be evacuated in case of an emergency. As of now, there is nothing to panic. We have taken all precautionary measures," he said. "Schools where rehabilitation camps can be opened has already been identified. School buses and ambulances have also been identified," he said.

Kalamassery MLA and former works minister VK Ibrahim Kunju, whose house also was waterlogged in 2013, said that there was no threat this time. Last time, the shutters were opened suddenly with little time for preparations.