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## **Idukki dam to the brim, release of water likely**

Govt ready with precautionary steps

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The State government has been put on high alert as a result of the continuing rain in the catchment areas of Idukki and the inflow of water into the reservoir, with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan late Sunday announcing various disaster mitigation steps that the government has lined up if the dam shutters are to be opened.

The Idukki district administration mulled on the possibilities of controlled release of water from the Idukki dam, with the water level touching 2,394.2 ft on Sunday as against the total capacity of 2,400 ft. The possibility of release of water from the Mullaperiyar dam, which peaked at 135.95 ft,

was also factored in by the authorities while planning the controlled release from Idukki dam. The Idukki District Collector told *The Hindu* that the decision on opening the Idukki shutters would be taken depending on the inflow into the dam in the coming days. The administration of the downstream districts, including Ernakulam, announced various precautionary steps.

Mr. Vijayan said the Army, Navy, Air Force and the coast guard had been requested to be on high alert.

The Coast Guard was ready with the necessary boats to be used in the low lying areas of Ernakulam. The KSEB has decided to open a 24-hour control room.

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