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Collector allays fears over water level

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District Collector K. Mohammed Y. Safirulla has assuaged fears over the rising water level in the Idamalayar dam.

The Collector struck a comforting note after holding discussions with officials over aspects such as the water level in the Idamalayar and Idukki reservoirs, rainfall, the time taken for the water to rise or recede, and the situation downstream.

Dam shutters will be opened only after three alerts are issued to the public. Only the first alert had been issued in the case of both the dams. Since the people will be evacuated 24 hours after the third alert,

there will be enough time to take precautionary measures, Mr. Safirulla said.

The first alert at the Idamalayar reservoir was issued when the water level crossed 165 metres. The second and third alerts would be issued when the level crosses 167 and 169 metres respectively.

The first alert in the case of the Idukki dam was issued when the water level crossed 2,390 feet. The second and third alerts would follow when the water level surged past 2,395 feet and 2,399 feet respectively.

The water level at Idukki and Idamalayar is rising at the rate of one foot and 50 cm a day respectively. The Collector called for maintaining alert over the water level in the Idamalayar dam, which is critical to the district.

At Bhoothathankettu, 13 of the 15 shutters have been opened.

