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Kochi: Heavy rain, Flood hit , Drinking water

Min directs collector to ensure smooth supply

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Kochi: As water crisis becomes a major concern in the city, revenue minister E Chandrasekharan on Friday directed the district administration to take immediate measures to ensure smooth supply of drinking water.

DRINKING WATER

Though shortage in supply of water distributed by Kerala Water Authority (KWA) has been reported from different

areas within the city and suburbs, district collector K Mohammed Y Safirulla said that the water authority has not “completely stopped pumping at Aluva water treatment plant”.

He said that due to heavy discharge of water from dams and higher turbidity the pumping has been brought down from 290 MLD to 238.

“There is a 20% shortage in supply of drinking water. Hence, we request residents to rationalize usage of water,” he said.

In the existing circumstances, the water authority is for-

ced to regulate the supply.

Water is supplied to Aluva, Kizhumadu, Choornikkara, Kalamassery, Thrikkakara, Kochi corporation, Mulavukadu, Njarakkal, Elamkunnapuzha and Cheranelloor region from the treatment plant at Aluva.

Residents of large apartment complexes expressed relief as the tanker truck owners ensured supply of water. The truck owners have stated that they could source water from wells at Kakkanad, Tripunit-hura and wells which are away from the banks of Periyar.