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RM3m to keep Terengganu towns tidy

KUALA TERENGGANU, Thurs. - The State Government has allocated RM3 million to clean up and beautify all towns and districts, and another RM3 million to upgrade the drainage system.

State Local Government, Housing and Small Traders Development Committee chairman Ahmad Said said RM4.6 million was used for cleaning and beautification programmes and maintenance of parks this year.

"We are also planting 140,000 trees by 2000 in line with the tree-planting campaign launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in March."

He was replying to a question by Jidin Shafee (BN-Permaisuri) in the Terengganu State Assembly today on the State Government's cleanliness and beautification programmes in the respective districts.

Giving the breakdown, Ahmad said the Kuala Terengganu Municipal Council would plant 5,000 trees this year and 6,000 trees every year from next year until the year 2000.

The Besut district council will be planting 17,750 trees in the next three years. During the same period, the Kemaman district council will plant 23,000 trees. A total of 17,750 trees will be planted in Hulu Terengganu, 23,000 in Dungun, 17,750 in Marang and 17,750 in Setiu.

This year, he said 30,000 trees were expected to be planted and up till September, 18,854 trees (or 62 per cent of the target) had already been planted.

Ahmad said the State Government would also step up its beautification programme and had allocated RM300,000 for this purpose in Dungun and Hulu Terengganu.

Ahmad said to upkeep cleanliness in Kuala Terengganu, garbage collection and maintenance of public toilets had been privatised.

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