

S'gor delay could cause water shortage in 2012

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By 2014, consumers in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya will probably face water rationing if the Selangor government is still reluctant to cooperate in the proposed construction of the Langat 2 water treatment plant.

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Peter Chin Fah Kui said the rationing would not only spell trouble for individual consumers, but also for the industry.

"That is why we have to make sure that the project is completed on time. The existing water treatment plant in Selangor is no longer sufficient to receive raw water influx from Pahang.

"Let's set aside our differences because the project is for the convenience of the people.

"Besides, it is fully funded by the federal government," he told reporters in Putrajaya today.

Chin said the ministry would continue to discuss with the state government in a bid to solve the issue to ensure that all relevant parties would get mutual benefits.

"All documents have been given to the Selangor government, the compensation money has also been paid, the only thing that is missing is the development order," he said.

The minister said the water supply capacity in Selangor would be 4,326 million litres per day (MLD) by the end of this year but the projected demand would be 4,625 MLD based on the rapid development taking place in Selangor.

"Based on the projection, Selangor is expected to face water shortage by 299 MLD from 2012," he said.

The Langat 2 water treatment plan project, costing RM8.65 billion, was approved by the federal government to fulfil the need of clean water supply in the three states until 2025.

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