

PM: Govt discussing ways to speed up projects

SUNGAI BULOH: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he has held discussions on speeding up projects for the people, including housing projects.

He said discussions were held with the chief secretary to the government, ministry secretaries-general and government department directors-general.

“Yes, there is a concern that mistakes will occur if we speed up the process. However, the changes will not be in line with what we desire if the process is too slow.

“People are waiting for their houses to be completed and that will take one or two years, which is already difficult and painful.

“Hence, those with the power to approve (projects) need to consider the many people who are in the poor and hardcore poor categories,” he said when opening the Employees Provident Fund’s Kwasa Damansara building here.

He said he had received many complaints, including from investors, on project delays.

He said a strategic solution was needed to speed up the process at all levels, including the housing project in Kwasa Damansara.

“Those who have business here say that even though the facilities are well provided, the speed, effectiveness and approval at the federal, state and municipal levels are slow.

“Due to this, I will inform the Selangor menteri besar to look into speeding up housing projects in this area.”