

**AT THE DEWAN RAKYAT: Selangor giving out contracts to cronies, says rep
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A BARISAN Nasional backbencher alleged that the Selangor government had awarded rubbish collection contracts to dubious companies, causing rubbish to remain uncollected for months.

Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin (BN- Kinabatangan) claimed that the Selangor government had awarded concessions to "crony companies" to replace Alam Flora Sdn Bhd's services, which were terminated last year.

"According to the reports I received, there are cases of crony families given contracts," he said when debating a motion on the royal address.

He claimed that there were some companies which did not even have names or proper facilities but were enlisted to collect rubbish in the state.

"Such companies have left rubbish uncollected and this has caused the rakyat to be angry," he said, adding that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission should investigate the matter.

Bung Mokhtar further alleged that there was a zone in Petaling Jaya where rubbish was left to rot for three months.

The contracts were awarded to the companies even though they charged higher than the previous concessionaire.

"Where is the transparency that the state government has been advocating? All this is happening despite the existence of the Selangor Select Committee on Competency, Accountability and Transparency (Selcat)."

In reply, Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim (PKR- Bandar Tun Razak) urged the backbencher to come forward with information so that action could be taken against those involved.

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