

**Selangor Water Industry: No Issue Of Fed Govt Seizing Control Of Land - BN Assemblyman  
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SHAH ALAM, March 31 (Bernama) -- The Selangor government's claim that the federal government wants to take over the state's land assets which is a violation of the master agreement on the restructuring of the water industry in Selangor, should not have arisen, said Datuk Sulaiman Abdul Razak (BN-Permatang).

He said the issue of asset takeover from the water concessionaires raised by the state government involved the Bukit Nenas and Semenyih Water Treatment Plants (LRAs).

According to him, both plants are actually located in Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

Sulaiman said the land where the Bukit Nanas and Semenyih water treatment plants are located belonged to the Federal Lands Commissioner (PTP) and the federal government need not pay for part of the existing assets on the land.

"According to the law, wherever an asset is found, the asset belongs to the landowner, and for this reason, the two assets were requested to be removed from the list claimed to belong to the Selangor state government.

"There is no issue of sovereignty or taking over of assets here," he said when debating the motion of thanks for the Royal address at the state assembly sitting here today.

Sulaiman also stressed that the federal government provided RM2 billion to the state government for the restructuring process as a collateral for the water assets to be paid to Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad (PAAB) in 45 years time.

"We have to take the assets together with the land or else there will be someone claiming that the land is theirs, and the asset is someone else's and the problem will never cease.

"This is why the federal and state governments have to negotiate. This is a technical problem not an issue of seizing control of land," he said.

Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali had earlier claimed that due to the action of the federal government, the state government had called off the water restructuring deal signed on Sept 12, 2014 before they agreed to renegotiate on March 24.

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