

**Azmin hauls up Selangor firms over LDP, Kesas toll hike**  
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Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali has directed two state-owned companies, which have minority stakes in Kesas and Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong (LDP), to explain the toll hikes in both highways.

In a series of tweets, Azmin said the companies – Selangor State Development Corporation (PKNS) and Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor (KPS) – would have to brief the state Economic Action Council (MTES) tomorrow on the toll hikes.

“I have asked PKNS and Perangsang who both have minority interests in Kesas and LDP to attend MTES tomorrow,” the Bukit Antarabangsa assemblyman said.

“MTES will look into the response by PKNS and KPS. The state government’s policy is to clearly reject any toll hike that will burden the people.”

The state government owns 30% of the Kesas highway through PKNS and 20% in SPRINT and the LDP through Kumpulan Perangsang.

It was reported that toll rates at 12 major highways in the Klang Valley are to increase between 10 sen and RM4.70 from tomorrow.

Toll rates for LDP are to increase by 50 sen for vehicles under Class 1 to RM2.10 tomorrow.

Selangor previously used its minority shares in the LDP and SPRINT highways to reject a proposal to increase toll rates and the Pakatan Harapan-led government said it would also impose strict terms and conditions on companies involved in building new highways, such as DASH, Kidex, SUKE and KLORR.

Putrajaya had said before that its agreement with highway concessionaires was the reason it could not stop toll hikes while the Works Ministry said it would have to compensate the concessionaires if the rates were not revised.

On Monday, the ministry said that the total compensation the government had paid concessionaires was RM1.1 billion from 2008 to 2013 and RM402.9 million in 2014. – October 14, 2015.

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