

MB to resolve land problem of fish farmers

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IPOH: The problem of ornamental fish rearers farming on land not belonging to them will be resolved soon.

Perak Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Tajol Rosli Ghazali said he would be chairing a committee to resolve the problem of land facing 400 ornamental fish farmers in Lawan Kuda in Gopeng.

"It's about time to take over (the committee) and resolve the matter," he said after chairing the state exco meeting yesterday.

"Some tough decisions have to be made. Ipoh is the biggest ornamental fish exporter," he added.

Tajol Rosli noted that there were about 400 such farmers at Lawan Kuda, about 15km from here and they exported the ornamental fish to Singapore as well as to other states.

The fish farmers, he said, had applied for the land they had been using since the time of former Mentri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib.

He said discussions would be held with the fish rearers and exco members Datuk Chang Ko Youn and Datuk Ho Cheng Wang to resolve the

matter.

The plight of fish rearers and fruit farmers had been in the limelight recently.

They had been unable to obtain titles to the land they had been working on.

Tajol Rosli also announced that he would be chairing a similar committee to resolve the problem of prawn farming in Manjung, which covered about 809ha of land there.