

2,000 UNITS

Four PPR to be built in Selangor this year, says Noh

SHAH ALAM: Four People's Housing Projects (PPR) will be built in Selangor this year.

Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar said the PPR would be built on private land.

He said two projects would be in Sungai Yu and Berjuntai Bestari in Kuala Selangor, and one each in Dengkil and Bukit Subang here.

"A total of 2,000 units will be built, and there will be terrace houses and flats.

"The total cost for the four PPR is RM400 million. The ministry has obtained the allocation for construction. Work will begin this year. We are appointing developers.

"Once completed in about a year's time, the units will be made available to the rakyat under the Rent-to-Own Scheme, where tenants pay rent and eventually own the units."

The scheme aims to help those eligible to buy PPR units, but cannot get bank loans.

Noh was speaking after a gathering with more than 500 civil servants from federal departments and agencies in the state.

As the four PPR were for the people, he called on the PKR-led state government to ease the process of approvals and extend its cooperation.

"We hope the Selangor government will work with us, especially in approving the planning per-

mission for the four projects.

"We hope they will not set a condition that the PPR must be made into state's housing projects for the people, like Rumah Selangorku. It will be a problem if that happens."

Noh urged the Selangor Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to investigate claims by 50 residents of Ladang Hopeful in Bestari Jaya that 21 plots of land meant for the poor had been sold to six private companies with the same mailing address.

He asked how it was possible for 17ha of land to be sold to outsiders.

Residents had been working on the land since 1986, he said, relying on oil palm plantation as well as vegetable and livestock farming to earn a livelihood.

"MACC must probe this and Selangor Menteri Besar (Datuk Seri Azmin Ali) must answer these allegations."

Residents, with documents to prove the alleged misappropriation, last week demanded an explanation from the state government.

Permatang assemblyman Datuk Sulaiman Abd Razak, who highlighted the issue, said he would wait for a response from Azmin, as well as the district office.

He said he would bring it up at the State Legislative Assembly sitting.



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