

'BUYERS DISAPPOINTED'

'ABSURD TO NIX RUMAH SELANGORKU PROJECTS'

Minister urges state govt to explain itself

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THE state government has been urged to come clean on the cancellation of nine Rumah Selangorku projects.

Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar said it was absurd that the projects were cancelled two years after construction was approved.

He said contradictory state-

ments on the project's cancellation by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and state Housing, Building Management and Urban Development Committee chairman Datuk Iskandar Abdul Samad had also raised questions.

"The executive councillor (Iskandar) said the Rumah Selangorku projects were facing problems due to planning permission issues. A few days later, Azmin blamed the housing developer for the cancellation of the projects.

"Why are they being cancelled after two years?

"It is a common practice of opposition leaders not to acknowledge their mistakes, but instead pin the blame on others."

Noh, who is Selangor Barisan Nasional chairman, said people

in the state had been deceived with the cancellation of the projects.

"Thousands of buyers are disappointed.

"I understand that these buyers have taken bank loans."

He said the state government's policy of imposing high land premiums even though it was a project meant to benefit the people had exacerbated the situation.

On Tuesday, the state government cancelled three Rumah Selangorku projects in Kajang, two in Selayang and one project each in Subang Jaya, Shah Alam, Ampang Jaya and Klang.

Iskandar had said the move to cancel the projects was made at a Rumah Selangorku committee meeting.