"Take for example the lifts at the Padang Tembak Flats, which are nearing four decades. While we (the state) have done our part to replace them, they need periodical maintenance.

"So, it will be good for us to receive federal funding for that and we can use our funds for other projects," he said, adding that the Penang government had spent RM232 million since 2008 until September this year for maintenance projects in all public housing schemes, local government housing schemes as well as eligible private housing schemes.

Meanwhile, Jagdeep expressed hope that the ministry could approve all its applications totalling RM100.89 million for various projects in the state for next year, which are set to benefit the people while promising them a better quality of life in the future.

These included 603 applications totalling RM28.76 million under the PPP and 121 applications totalling RM72.13 million under the TPPM.