

'MB failed to tackle floods'

KLANG: DAP's Kota Alam Shah assemblyman M. Manoharan lambasted Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim for failing to tackle flooding throughout the state.

Manoharan said flash floods, which were a common occurrence throughout the state, especially in his constituency, had been overlooked by the state government for many years.

He also expressed his hope that Khalid would be able to act on the situation before it was too late.

"I have written more than 20 letters over the past three years to various parties, including Khalid, but no action has been taken.

"According to the Klang Municipal Council in a letter, it is currently waiting for approval from the state government to proceed with piping and repair works in various areas in

the town to prevent flooding during the onset of the current monsoon season."

Manoharan said a reply letter from the local council a fortnight ago stated that the overall cost of provisions to maintain and upgrade flood-prone areas in the vicinity of the Klang district alone would cost RM62.1 million.

"According to this year's state audit report, Selangor has at least RM1.2 billion in cash reserves.

"What is stopping the state government from approving the repair works, or have they yet to learn their lesson from the recent Kajang flash floods?" he asked at his service centre here yesterday.

Manoharan also claimed that next year's state budget had little or no priority on social infrastructure in the state.