



Poor drainage: A road in Kampung Kenangan in Puchong was flooded following a downpour last Sunday.

End flood woes now

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THE federal government has been urged to settle the flood problem in Puchong once and for all.

Several areas in Puchong, such as Seri Serdang, Kampung Sri Aman, Puchong Indah, Puchong Perdana and Kampung Bunga Melor are always hit by flash floods during downpours.

Puchong MP Gobind Singh Deo said the federal and state government should identify the source

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of the problem and draw up an action plan to end the flood woes.

He raised the issue in the recent Parliament sitting and the Natural Resources and Environment Ministry replied that floods occurred because the drains were clogged with rubbish and could not cope with the large volume of water.

The ministry added that it had installed a pump to draw the flood water and increased the capacity of the drains.

"However, the Irrigation and Drainage Department did not have an allocation under the Rolling Plan 1 and 2 of the Tenth Malaysia Plan for the repair and upgrade work.

"The ministry added that it will apply for an allocation under the Rolling Plan 3 to clean up and deepen Sungai Air Hitam as well as the drains in the villages in Puchong. It will also repair the broken river bund," Gobind said.

Gobind said the answers were "unacceptable" and the issue should be given priority.

"Floods damage the people's belongings and the strong current jeopardises their safety. I will write to the ministry again because the remedy work cannot be delayed further," he said.

Showing photographs of the floods that hit the villages last Sunday, Kampung Batu 13 village head Ruslan Mat @ Md Shah said the flood water usually took between two and five hours to subside.

Kampung Batu 13 resident Ramli Dahlan said they were living in fear every time it rained.

"The drainage system is not functioning well. Water in the drains cannot be discharged into the main drain quickly, hence backflow occurs," he said.

Gobind said the upgrading work on the drainage system in Kampung Bunga Melor at the 14th Mile, Puchong, would be completed in two weeks.

The project, which involved an additional underground culvert in Jalan Puchong to solve the flood woes in the area, is carried out by Sentral City (M) Sdn Bhd, the developer of a nearby condominium project.