

THE recent flashfloods, which affected hundreds of residents, was one of the most discussed topics at the Selangor State Assembly.

M. Manoharan (PR-Kota Alam Shah) asked about the reason for the frequent floods in Klang and when a solution would be found.

Local government, study and research committee chairman Ronnie Liu said the State Economic Action Council (MTES) had allocated RM5mil for nine mitigation projects.

"However, RM1.2bil is needed to solve the problem under the Klang district flood mitigation programme managed by the Irrigation and Drainage Department (DID)."

Liu added that heavy rains during the high tide as well as indiscriminate dumping in the monsoon drains had contributed to the floods.

He added that work has begun for

Flooding issue

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the nine projects and seven are expected to be completed by next month while another two will finish in March next year.

Meanwhile, Dusun Tua assemblyman Ismail Sani asked about the remedial action taken to deal with floods at Jalan 16, Taman Rakan Cheras.

He said the constant floods that occurred after heavy downpours had troubled residents for a long time.

Liu said the DID visited the site on Sept 27 and are currently carrying out cleaning works for the monsoon

drains.

The Hulu Langat DID has asked for financial assistance from the state government to upgrade the monsoon drains and prevent riverbank erosion.

"Cleaning works have to be done on a regular basis due to the rapid development along Sungai Long.

"The Kajang Municipal Council and DID can apply for an allocation since Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim recently announced another RM50mil allocation out of the budget," he added.

Liu said DID had previously requested for RM39mil that is currently being discussed in Parliament but they have not received the approval as yet.

Ismail Sani, however, requested for an allocation for his area including Section 7, Sungai Long, that is also affected due to new development.

Liu added that proper planning was not done in the earlier stages but the relevant departments have been told to look at all avenues to address the issue.