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THE Selangor government has allocated RM9.7mil for flood mitigation efforts in Seri Kembangan.

Out of the total, RM7.7mil will be given to the Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) while RM2mil will go to the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ).

Seri Kembangan assemblyman Ean Yong Hian Wah said the decision was announced during the Selangor Economic Action Council (MTES) meeting last week.

DID has outlined four projects concerning Sungai Kuyuh to be carried out in two months.

First of all, it would change the pump house in Jalan Kuyuh in the new village to an automatic unit to pump water into the river. This will cost an estimated RM500,000.

"The current pump has to be activated manually by a DID employee, who has two pumps to take care of every time it rains.

"He usually activates the pump in Sri Serdang before heading to Jalan Kuyuh, so there is a delay," Ean Yong said.

With the automatic pump in place, the system will begin to operate when the sensor detects that the water level has risen.

The old unit will be moved to a site near the Seri Kembangan industrial area.

Another estimated RM5mil will be

Seri Kembangan gets RM9.7mil for flood mitigation projects



Flooding issues: The 5km stretch of Sungai Kuyuh will be widened and deepened with the fund allocated by the state government.

used to upgrade the retention ponds and install relevant systems at the ponds near Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) to store excess rain water.

Meanwhile, the water outlets from residential and industrial areas will be upgraded. The works are expected to cost approximately RM2mil.

"The remaining RM200,000 would be utilised to widen and deepen a 5km stretch of Sungai Kuyuh, as well as to build an embankment," Ean Yong said.

Meanwhile, MPSJ will upgrade the drainage system within its jurisdiction with the allocation.

Seri Kembangan traders, small and

medium enterprises chairman Ho Sow Chin said the Seri Kembangan industrial area had been hit by a flood on Dec 21.

"The water level on the road was nearly 0.6m high. Our area is only flooded when it rains continuously for a few days. When that happens, our production is affected," he said.

Ean Yong pointed out that the projects suggested by DID should be funded by the federal government.

"However, the federal government has refused DID's request so the state government stepped in with the aim of solving the flood woes in Seri Kembangan," he said.