

THE Selangor government has approved an allocation of RM8.6mil to address the flood issue in Seri Serdang, Puchong and works are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

"The state government agreed in December last year to allocate the funds to the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) for it to begin work as soon as possible," said incumbent Puchong MP Gobind Singh Deo.

"Calls for tender and implementation of various aspects of the project will be done in stages this year, and we hope to see it completed by the end of this year."

Gobind said RM5mil and RM2mil had been set aside for the upgrading of existing water retention ponds and drainage systems, with calls for tender to be made in mid-June.

"For the upgrading of the pump system at SK5 Jalan Kuyoh (to regulate the outflow of water to the retention ponds), RM500,000 has been allocated," he said.

"Meanwhile, RM200,000 has been allocated for the deepening of Sungai Kuyoh and works are expected to start in early May, following a site visit by DID officials."

Gobind urged Seri Serdang residents to be patient as DID had to come up with a cohesive flood mitigation plan and the tender process would each take two to three months.

Projects to end Puchong floods

Gobind says work to be completed by year-end



Ramp coming up: Ng (left) showing Gobind Singh a technical drawing of the ramp that will serve as dedicated access to Setiawalk (background).

"The delay is also partly due to the breakdown of different work packages and process to call for tender," he said.

"I also call on the Federal Government to cooperate with the state government to resolve the flood problem."

Gobind criticised the Natural

Resources and Environment Ministry for its lack of action and excuses that there were insufficient funds to address the long-standing matter.

"The floods in Seri Serdang have been occurring for the past 20 years. The people are worried whenever it rains, as the flood

waters can rise up to 0.9m.

"The area around SK Sri Serdang and Universiti Putra Malaysia are particularly flood-prone," he said.

Meanwhile, Kinrara DAP candidate Ng Sze Han said a ramp would be built as dedicated access to Setiawalk, Puchong.

"The overhead U-shaped bridge will provide direct access from the LDP to Setiawalk," he said.

"Construction began in mid-April 2013, and is expected to be completed within 18 months. It will be fully funded by Setiawalk's developer SP Setia Bhd."

Ng said the ramp would allow for a safer and smoother traffic flow, and would benefit Setiawalk's property owners and tenants, and Taman Wawasan residents.

"The bus stop in front of Jalan Bandar 1 will be relocated to a place to be decided upon later by the Subang Jaya Municipal Council," he said.

"One of the existing problems is that buses and taxis that stop and wait for passengers at the bus stop cause a long queue and contribute to LDP's congestion."