

Water rationing in Rembau, Tampin

SEREMBAN: Consumers in Rembau and Tampin districts will face water rationing from Jan 12 to 30 in an effort to boost the dropping water level at the Gemencheh dam.

Syarikat Air Negeri Sembilan (Sains) director Wan Rasdi Wan Ismail said the rationing was crucial as the water level at the dam had fallen to a critical level.

"The water rationing during the period will be from 10am to 10am on weekdays only," he said, adding that the 24-hour rationing would be done on alternate days between the two districts.

The rationing would not be carried out on weekends and

public holidays.

"We have to carry out water rationing or the water may reach a minimum level," he said after flagging off a flood relief mission destined for Kota Baru here yesterday.

He said the water level at the dam was at 95m, while the minimum level was at 86.5m. The levels at other dams in the state were normal.

"If the water level rises faster, we will withdraw the rationing exercise," he added.

It was understood that the water rationing exercise would affect about 14,358 accounts and more than 50,000 users.

"We advise consumers to store water when there is supply and use water sparingly."

The public can call the toll-free number at 1-800-88-6982 for assistance.

On the flood relief mission, Wan Rasdi said the team consisted of experts to clean up and conduct necessary repairs at water treatment plants in flood-stricken areas, adding that 16 plants in Kelantan were down due to the floods.

Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said the water level at the dam had been falling despite wet weather in recent weeks, and that a long-term mea-

sure was being rolled out to solve the water woes.

"The state government is planning to pump water from Sungai Jelai to the Gemencheh dam to increase the water level."

He said the design for the pump house would be finalised in two weeks and work would begin shortly after.

He added that it would take eight months to a year for the pump house to be ready.

Mohamad said the pump house, which would have four pump heads, would be able to pump 12 million gallons of water a day into the Gemencheh dam.