

Close watch on 6 dams in 4 states

CONCERN: Raw water reserve levels at reservoirs drop to 30 per cent and below, says minister

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THE government is keeping an eye on six dams in four states as their raw water reserve levels have dipped to 30 per cent and below as at March 31.

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Maximus Ongkili said the dams affected by the extreme hot and dry weather were Timah Tasoh Dam (20.14 per cent), Perlis; Gemencheh Dam (21.18 per cent), Negri Sembilan; Lebam Dam (25.59 per cent) and Layang Dam (24.18

per cent), Johor.

The raw water reserves at two dams in Sabah, namely Milau Dam and Babagon Dam, had dropped to 33.9 per cent.

“My ministry, together with the Natural Resources and Environment Ministry, have formed a committee to monitor the water levels at all dams nationwide.

“Although the raw water reserves at these six dams are about 30 per cent and below, there is no water rationing exercise so far,” he said after launching the 3rd International Sustainable Energy Summit (ISES) 2016 yesterday.

On the progress of the Langat 2 water treatment plant, Ongkili said 60 per cent of the project had been built and it was scheduled to be completed by 2019.

Raw water from Sungai Semantan would be diverted into the tunnel and channelled into Sungai Langat for treatment in seven existing plants.

The tunnel, which was nearing completion, was designed to channel water directly to the Langat 2 water treatment plant.

The Pahang-Selangor Raw Water Transfer Scheme includes the tunnel and two water-treatment plants.

It was reported that the Selangor government would build two water treatment plants to ensure there would be enough water supply as the Langat 2 water

treatment plant would only be completed in three years.



Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili

The two water treatment plants, costing RM800 million, are the Semenyih 2 water treatment plant, which has a capacity of 100 million litres per day (mld), and the Labohan Dagang water treatment plant, Kuala Langat, which has a capacity of 400mld.

A RM328 million mitigation water supply project was expected to increase water distribution in the Klang Valley, especially in industrial areas like Klang and Pulau Indah.