

Higher water level in Bukit Merah Dam

IPOH: The water level at the Bukit Merah Dam has risen to 6.33m, but the level is still at the third critical stage, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir.

He said the rise was due to several reasons, including rainfall occurring in water catchment areas, namely, Sungai Kurau, Kampung Sempeneh and Bukit Merah.

"The cloud-seeding exercise that was carried out has begun to show results.

"We are also trying to implement other approaches," he said after chairing a state executive council meeting here yesterday.

Zambry said two of the eight padi compartments in Kerian, namely, compartments G and H, involving 1,800 padi farmers, were badly affected due to the declining water level at the dam.

"These areas need to be given attention. We will give aid to the farmers but the state government does not have enough resources.

"I hope the Federal Government can help those affected," he said.

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