

Minister: Water in Labong dam won't last much longer

MERSING: The water level at the Labong dam in Felda Endau here is low and can last for another five months.

Deputy Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Hamim Samuri said the dam, which supplies water to about 40,000 domestic users in Endau, had dropped to 6.08m.

"There is only 8% of water left in the dam. The shortage was due to the dry spell.

"It is the worst situation since the dam was built in 1949," he said during a visit to Felda Endau, adding that the dam also supplies water to farmers.

"From April, the supply to the farmers was stopped after the water level dropped to below seven metres."

The dam was supposed to supply water to some 1,000 farmers with a total farmland of 404.68ha.

Hamim urged the state government to carry out cloud seeding in the area.



Critical situation: Hamim (centre) pointing at the low water level at the Labong dam in Felda Endau, Mersing.