Developers urged to consult Syabas first

Rozali also advised developers to consult Syabas first before making any development plans for projects in the seven districts.

"We urge the developers to come and see us.

"If the supply is sufficient, then we may approve their projects. However, presently all projects are on hold," he said.

Rozali also said Syabas understands the developers' plights as they, too, need to earn a living.

He added that 70 per cent of the plans submitted to Syabas was for residential developments.

"With the water shortage, it is difficult to approve the projects. This affects many parties such as developers, their workers and the consumers.

"We can't afford to delay development projects because it contributes greatly to the Gross Domestic Product of the country," he said.

Rozali said the delay in the construction of the Langat 2 water treatment plant was one of the major causes of the water shortage.

"If the Langat 2 WTP is approved, Syabas can review the applications for these projects," he said.

Rozali said the project plans submitted by the developers could be delayed as far as 2016.

"It all depends on the approval of the construction of Langat 2 WTP. If the project is approved immediately, it can be completed by 2016.

"The developers will have to wait until the WTP is completed before their development can be approved," he said.

The Langat 2 WTP, the Pahang-Selangor raw water tunnel and the Salak Tinggi dam projects have been put on hold due to differences between the federal and state governments, particularly over the development order, land acquisition and water price.

The Langat 2 WTP will supply an additional 481 million litres of water per day to the people of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

Rozali hoped that both the Selangor and Federal government will work on solving the water issues and come to a decision soon.

"We hope they see the urgency in solving the issue because it's for the people," he said.