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9,000 households to undergo survey

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1 Dr Mohd Uzir (left) observing an officer (centre) from the Selangor National Statistics Department who is interviewing a resident at Taman Sri Pekan Meru in Klang.2 Officers will show identification letters and authorisation cards in addition to wearing a vest complete with the department logo and name during the survey.— Photos: KK SHAM/ The Star

ABOUT 9,000 households in Selangor will be selected to participate in the household income, expenditure and basic facilities survey for this year.

The Selangor National Statistics Department which will conduct the survey until April next year will visit between 600 and 700 households each month.

National Statistics Department's Social and Demographics deputy chief statistician Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the households were selected from a mapping system that would take into account demographics, race, income level and residential areas including elite housing estates, suburban and urban neighbourhoods.

“The survey is important as the data will be used by the Government to formulate the next Malaysia Plan as well as other economic strategies for the nation,” he added.

The findings of the last survey conducted in 2014 helped formulate the 11th Malaysia Plan. According to the survey, Selangor has the third highest median income level with RM6,214 based on the previous survey. Leading the median income level is Kuala Lumpur with RM7,620 and Putrajaya at RM7,512.



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He also said the data would be important to tabulate the income level of the people and accessibility to basic amenities such as clinics as well as water and electricity supply.

The survey, he added, was more significant since it was the first to be conducted following the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax.

The data given by the respondents, he added, had to be accurate to be compared with the 2014 data to reflect the effects of the GST on the people.

Each household involved in the survey, would be given a diary to note down all expenditures incurred every day over the period of one month.

“The information will be itemised to help us collect information for the consumer pricing index. Members of the family will also be given a mini diary to jot down their purchases for the day,” he added.

He said the trained officers sometimes faced difficulties in getting cooperation from the respondents and urged the people to consider it as a national duty.

The officers, he added, would provide an identification letter and an authorisation card in addition to wearing a vest complete with the department’s logo and name.

“To help facilitate the survey, we will also go to the ground and meet community leaders to allow them to disseminate the news to residents beforehand so they are aware of the visits,” he added.

Dr Mohd Uzir was accompanied by the National Statistics Department senior director Azhari Mohd Raslan and Selangor Statistics Department director Ibrahim Jantan when visiting Taman Sri Pekan Meru, Klang, to conduct the survey.