Sabah to implement KK water project

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KOTA KINABALU: The Sabah Public Works Ministry will implement the third phase of the Kota Kinabalu water supply project to address supply issues in the state capital and in surrounding Papar. Its assistant minister, Datuk Limus Jury, said the project would replace the proposed Papar dam.

He said this when asked during a supplementary question by Jannie Lasimbang (DAP-Kapayan) on the status of the Papar dam.

The controversial Papar dam, which was known as the Kaiduan dam during the Barisan Nasional era, sparked off protests from the public, who are worried of the environmental impact and their native customary rights.

In reply to Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak's (BN-Usukan) question on the ministry's initiative to resolve water woes in the interior, Limus added that the state was working with the federal government.

Limus said through the Rural Water Supply project and Sabah Water Department, it could ensure all rural areas get water supply by 2035.

To date, RM2.53 billion has been approved by the federal government in the 11th Malaysia Plan.