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A SIXTH cycle of the large scale solar (LSS) programme will be started as part of the government's hope to generate a potential 5.2 Gigawatts (GW) of solar power capacity in Peninsula Malaysia, says Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

The Energy Transition and Water Transformation Deputy Minister said LSS 6 will start once projects under the current LSS 5 are completed and are expected to come online in 2026 and 2027.

LSS is an initiative that allows businesses to generate electricity from their solar farms in order to sell it back to the national grid.

Akmal said that Perak has the highest potential for solar projects in the peninsula, while the government is encouraging developing floating solar power plants in other parts of the country.

"To achieve the potential 5.2 GW of solar power capacity, it will have to be done in phases with grants or tech incentives," he said in the Dewan Rakyat.

The government also encouraged developing solar power plant projects on brownfield areas and former abandoned industrial or commercial sites, which would reduce the need for reclaiming land.