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CAMERON HIGHLANDS: Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) has offered to build a new school for SJK(C) Bertam Valley at another location so that it will not be affected by floods.

Deputy Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said they visited the school last week and talked about the proposal.

Noting that the premises of the school would be flooded whenever water was released from the Sultan Abu Bakar dam, Mahdzir said it was one way that families could safely bring their children to school.

"If there is a need to relocate the school, TNB will bear the cost to build a new building at another site," he told reporters during a visit to the Sultan Abu Bakar dam and Bertam Valley yesterday.

On the release of water from the dam on Wednesday, Mahdzir said he was satisfied with the operation that was carried out according to standard operating procedure.

However, Mahdzir said there was a lot of rubbish and debris stuck in the 10km intake tunnel before the dam.

"On Wednesday alone, we dug up some three tonnes of garbage. The rubbish that clogs up the intake tunnel is part of the cause of floods in the Bertam Valley," he said.

Mahdzir said farms that were set up on the river reserve land also contributed to the floods.