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CABLE theft cases have cost Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) RM62.7 million in Selangor since 2023 while yesterday's incident disrupted railway signalling along the Bukit Mertajam line and delayed train services by up to 80 minutes.

Selangor Infrastructure and Agriculture Committee chairman Datuk Izham Hashim said TNB recorded 439 cable theft cases between Jan 1, 2023 and Sept 30 this year, including 166 in the first nine months of this year.

Cheras recorded the highest number with 45 cases this year, followed by Bangi (37), Port Klang (24), Banting (12) and Rawang (10).

The Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department also recorded 38 cases of cable and equipment theft at pump houses and water gates between 2023 and 2026, involving losses of about RM1.5 million.

"Klang recorded the highest losses at RM667,000 from eight cases, followed by Kuala Langat (17 cases, RM499,000), Kuala Selangor (10 cases, RM318,000) and Sepang (three cases, RM47,000)," he said during the Selangor State Legislative Assembly sitting yesterday.

He was responding to Jefri Mejan (PN-Ijok), who sought details of cable theft involving the Public Works Department (PWD) and TNB since 2023, including losses by district.

Izham said PWD suffered estimated losses of between RM50,000 and RM100,000 monthly for each cable theft incident across the state's nine districts.

Measures to curb thefts include increasing patrols and reinforcing electrical feeder pillars with anti-climb fencing, additional barrel locks and solar-powered lighting.

"Solar-powered ISLED lights are being used as an alternative to cable-based LED streetlights to reduce the risk of cable theft.

"Other measures include installing closed-circuit television cameras, adding floodlights and putting up barbed-wire fencing," he said.

In yesterday's case, cable theft affected the signalling system and delayed the Electric Train Service and KTM Northern Sector services.

Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd said repair works were underway to restore normal operations.



Tenaga Nasional Bhd has recorded 439 cable theft cases in Selangor between Jan 1, 2023 and Sept 30 this year, with the highest losses in Klang at RM667,000 from eight cases. NSTP PIC BY GHAZALI KORI

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