



Dr Annuar speaks during the State Legislative Assembly (DUN) sitting .

‘NKF to build haemodialysis facility in Samarahan’

SAMARAHAN will soon have a haemodialysis facility built by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), said Assistant Minister of Local Government and Housing Dr Annuar Rapae yesterday.

He told the august House this new facility will assist the Sarawak Heart Centre in treating the increasing number of kidney patients in Samarahan.

“The haemodialysis facility has passed the Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba) inspection. Currently they are waiting for inspection and licensing from the Private Medical Practice Control (CKAPS) branch under Sarawak Health Department before they operate,” he said in reply to a question by Datuk Idris Buang (GPS-Muara Tuang).

He also disclosed the state government plans to

upgrade the Sarawak Heart Centre which provides the haemodialysis services in Samarahan, by adding five more new haemodialysis machines.

“Currently, the centre has 15 units to treat up to 75 patients. With the additional new machines, we will have 20 units to treat more patients.

“On the other hand, kidney patients can also seek treatment at Simunjan Hospital where there are 10 machines which can treat up to 42 patients,” he said.

Dr Annuar also spoke on the kidney disease situation, saying Sarawak sees a net increase of about 250 new kidney patients every year.

“We get an average of 500 new cases every year, but deaths due to kidney failure constitute about 50 per cent as well,” he added.