AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 15
RUANGAN : NEGARA

Penjualan ditarik serta-merta jika bahan kimia itu digunakan berlebihan

Kaji tepung gandum ada peluntur

KUALA LUMPUR – Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) akan mengambil sampel tepung gandum yang didakwa mengandungi bahan peluntur untuk dianalisis di makmal secepat mungkin.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam berkata, pihaknya akan menarik semula penjualan tepung tersebut sekiranya didapati mengandungi bahan peluntur yang melebihi kuantiti yang dibenarkan oleh Bahagian Keselamatan dan Kualiti Makanan KKM.

"Ia merupakan satu kesalahan undang-undang kalau kita menggunakan bahan kimia yang tidak dibenarkan untuk mengubah warna tepung.

"Sekiranya dibuktikan ada bahan kimia lebih daripada yang ditetapkan, kita akan ambil tindakan termasuk tarik balik penjualan, menghentikan operasi dan ambil tindakan dari segi perundangan," katanya kepada pemberita selepas menghadiri Pesta Ponggal di ibu pejabat MIC di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi mengulas mengenai senarai tepung gandum yang dikeluarkan Persatuan Pengguna Islam Malaysia yang didakwa mengandungi bahan peluntur dan boleh mengundang pelbagai penyakit seperti kanser.

Dalam pada itu, ditanya mengenai penjualan pil Misoprostol atau Cytotec secara dalam talian yang didakwa boleh menggugurkan kandungan, Subramaniam berkata, ia sukar dikesan dan diambil tindakan kerana melibatkan pembelian yang dilakukan di luar negara.

Penjualan pil tersebut secara terbuka viral di laman Facebook kerana mudah didapati menerusi pembelian dalam talian.

PENGGUNAAN tepung yang mengandungi bahan peluntur boleh mengundang pelbagai penyakit. – Gambar hiasan

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 17
RUANGAN : NATION

Come together in renewed spirit, Indians urged

KUALA LUMPUR: The Indian community must set aside its old ways of thinking, past pains and hatred, and come together with renewed spirit to overcome the challenges ahead, MIC president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said.

During the Ponggal celebration at party headquarters here yesterday, he said it was a festival of thanksgiving to Mother Nature for a bountiful harvest and a new beginning.

"We remove whatever is bad in our hearts and make space for new mindsets that will bring us forward.

"I pray that this year will be a good one that will bring us happiness and well-being in all aspects of our lives," he said after giving out prizes in a best Ponggal (sweet rice) contest held among the members.

Dr Subramaniam, who is Health Minister, said there were no religious undertones to Ponggal.

In fact it was considered a community festival in India and was celebrated in temples, churches and mosques by all Tamils, he said.

Ponggal is celebrated in the month of Thai, the 10th month in the Tamil calendar. On the day, devotees prepare sweet rice cooked with milk in claypots.

Dr Subramaniam said there will be a grand Ponggal celebration in Selangor soon, which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was expected to attend.

He also reminded the community to have clear minds, as well as to be calm and focused for the next general election.

"It surely will take place in 12 to 14 months and can even happen in six to seven months, so it's important to wake up to reality and move forward," he said.

Dr Subramaniam said an issue faced by the Indian community was the struggle of under-educated families with low incomes to improve their socio-economic standing.

He said MIC was focused on stepping up the economic development of the B40 (bottom 40% in household income) group of Indian families through entrepreneurship.

He called on them to grab the opportunities provided by Budget 2017 which, among other initiatives, allocated RM100mil for th Indian Entrepreneurs Financir Scheme.

"We've carried out initiatives t help small entrepreneurs, such a giving skills training and assistanc through Tekun Nasional.

"I hope they grab this chance t raise their socio-economic stand ing," he said.

A better harvest: Dr Subramaniam with family members and friends celebrating Ponggal at the MIC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. — Bernama