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PUTRAJAYA: Some 200 people gathered at the Sri Maha Mariaman temple near here seeking to resolve a land dispute with Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The temple's land and building committee chairman K.G. Kuppusamy, 52, said the 80-year-old Hindu temple was located on a half-acre plot of land within the university's ground.

"We are requesting the university officials to reconsider taking back the land. Perhaps they can sell us the plot of land or provide us with an alternative land plus compensation of RM1.5mil to help rebuild the temple," Kuppusamy said.

He said discussions between both parties have been on-going since November last year.

Meanwhile, The MIC Youth has challenged Selangor state executive councillor Dr Xavier Jayakumar to rebuild the demolished Sri Mahakaliyamman Temple in Ampang using state government funds.

Its chief T. Mohan said that by doing so, PKR could show how sincere it was in helping the Indian community.