

Civil servants' increment too small, says Cuepacs presidential candidate

SERDANG: The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has urged the government to revise the annual salary increments which it describes as "too small".

Cuepacs finance secretary Mohd Razali Singah said the increment of between RM95 and RM100 annually was insufficient and resulted in a majority of civil servants being trapped in the B40 and M40 categories.

Almost one million civil servants, he said, were marginalised despite their salaries being increased.

"There is a need (for the government to review) the salary of civil servants, which is too small. They will continue to become marginalised if the government continues to adopt the current system.

"There is a need to change the policy by reviewing the salary increment, which reflects the cost



Cuepacs finance secretary Mohd Razali Singah (second from left) in Serdang yesterday. PIC BY HAFIZ SOHAIMI

of living," Razali, who is also Universiti Putra Malaysia General Staff Union president, said.

He said an increment of RM200 annually was more ap-

propriate, considering the cost of living.

Razali, who is one of five candidates vying for the Cuepacs president's post for the 2019-2022

term, reiterated Cuepacs' call to maintain the pension scheme for civil servants under permanent employment.

"I will do my best to defend the

pension scheme, including those involving new employment," he said, adding that this was one of the five pledges in his manifesto.