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PUTRAJAYA: The use of fleet cards for diesel subsidy will be expanded as efforts are made to prevent leakages, smuggling and illegal sales, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said there was a serious need to plug leakages, adding that the surge in diesel usage compared to the number of diesel-type vehicles indicate that there are leakages and that the issue must be addressed.

Anwar pointed out the use of diesel in 2022 was 8.4 billion litres, a surge of 37.7% from the 6.1 billion litres used in 2019.

“On the other hand, the number of registered vehicles using diesel has only increased 2.4%, from 2.08 million in 2019 to 2.13 million in 2022.

“The surge in diesel usage compared to the number of diesel-usage vehicles indicates that there are leakages that need to be tackled,” he told a press conference after chairing the National Economic Action Council (MTEN) meeting yesterday.

The Prime Minister said the decision to expand the use of fleet cards would benefit nine sectors, including general cargo lorries, refrigerated trucks, water tanks, panel and window vans.

“By expanding fleet card usage, we can go to the sectors that deserve it. Fleet cards will allow effective monitoring, as part of efforts to combat smuggling and leakages,” he said.

In 2022, the government spent RM13bil on diesel subsidies.