

# ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO HELP PUPILS PLEDGE

THE administrative systems in schools are to be reviewed to reduce the rate of drop-outs, the Minister of Education, Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed, said today.

He said at the Speech Day at the Raja Perempuan School here that this would also ensure that adequate facilities were provided.

Dr. Mahathir added: "The basic education one receives in the primary schools is very

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important as it forms the foundation of future progress.

"From surveys carried out, it is evident that poverty and lack of education facilities in rural places are two vital reasons which contributed to the heavy rate of drop-outs each year.

"Because of this, the Ministry of Education will conduct a review of the administrative systems in schools, both at national

and State levels, to assess and contain the problem of drop-outs."

The Minister said he would pay "more attention" to the less fortunate students in ill-equipped schools in the rural areas in an attempt to raise the standard of education there.

He noted that the students should be given positive incentive to push them forward.

The spirit of competi-

tiveness should always be upheld in schools as he believes that this would encourage the students to achieve better results in their academic pursuits.

He called on students at the Raja Perempuan School to make full use of the facilities and privileges provided them.

## PROGRESS

"If ever we find that this particular school or any other school like it cannot progress, then it shows that the students, parents and teachers themselves are not working hard enough and are not making full use of the facilities," Dr. Mahathir said.

The Government would provide equal opportunities to both the girls and boys to further their studies as "education is the key to progress and security in a country."

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# Langkah baiki sekolah

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**M**ENTERI Pelajaran, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, berikrar untuk memperbaiki kekurangan di sekolah - sekolah rendah luarbandar dan jika perlu menyusun semula pentadbirannya bagi maksud itu.

Katanya beliau akan mengkaji pentadbiran sekolah-sekolah tersebut diperingkat Kementerian dan Negeri dan jika perlu memperbaiki susunan pentadbirannya supaya segala usaha membetulkan keadaan kekurangan itu dapat berjalan teratur dan berkesan.

Dr. Mahathir berucap merasmikan Hari Ucapan dan Penyampaian Hadiah Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Raja Perempuan, di sini petang ini, upacara resminya yang pertama selaku Menteri Pelajaran yang baru.



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Beliau akan melawat lebih banyak sekolah terpencil untuk mendapatkan maklumat berkenaan kerana sekolah-sekolah dalam bandar telah banyak mendapat kemudahan.

Beliau juga akan meminta laporan dari penyelia sekolah dan mengkaji kemajuan sekolah-sekolah dari kejayaan peperiksaan serta mengambil berat tentang teguran-teguran yang dibuat melalui akhbar dan lain-lain.

Bagi sekolah-sekolah di kawasan bandar yang mempunyai banyak kemudahan beliau memandang berat jika sekolah-sekolah itu tidak mencapai kemajuan yang sewajarnya kerana perkara itu tidak patut berlaku.

## Peluang

Katanya dalam hal demikian kesalahan mungkin terletak pada ibubapa, murid-murid dan guru yang tidak berusaha dengan cukup.

Dr. Mahathir berharap ibubapa akan mengambil peluang upacara-upacara seperti "hari terbuka" untuk mengikut kemajuan pelajaran anak-anak mereka melalui guru-guru mereka.

Beliau juga berharap tokoh-tokoh masyarakat mengambil berat tentang sekolah-sekolah di sekeliling mereka.

Beliau menegaskan dalam ucapan sulungnya sejak menjadi Menteri Pelajaran, asas pelajaran yang kuat di sekolah rendah amat penting dan faktor-faktor kemiskinan, dorongan, sikap, kemudahan fizikal mempunyai pertalian positif dengan kemajuan pelajaran.

Katanya adalah menjadi satu tugas utamanya mencari jalan supaya kekurangan yang ada di sekolah-sekolah rendah terutama di luarbandar diperbetulkan segera.

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