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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 14 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO INTRODUCE FREE EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS, THE EDUCATION - MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY. (P)

HE WAS REPLYING DURING QUESTION TIME TO ENCIK LEE LAM THYE (DAP-- KUALA LUMPUR BANDAR) WHO ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE FREE EDUCATION FROM PRIMARY LEVEL TO UNIVERSITY LEVEL.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION BY ENCIK FAN YEW TENG (DAP-- MENGLEMBU) THE MINISTER SAID THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

AS SUCH, HE DID NOT THINK THAT A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WAS NECESSARY TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AS SUGGESTED BY ENCIK FAN.

THE DAP MEMBER FOR PETALING, ENCIK OH KENG SENG ASKED THE MINISTER IF HE WAS AWARE THAT PARENTS IN PETALING JAYA WERE FORCED TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO FARAWAY PLACES LIKE SERDANG AND SUNGAI WAY TO GET THEIR CHILDREN ADMITTED TO NATIONAL TYPE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THE MINISTRY WOULD CONSIDER BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL CHINESE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PETALING JAYA NEXT YEAR TO HELP OVERCOME THE PROBLEM.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE MINISTRY HAD NO SUCH PLANS AS HE FELT THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH NATIONAL TYPE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN AND AROUND PETALING JAYA TO ABSORB THE PUPILS.

HE SAID THAT AT PRESENT THERE WERE SEVEN SUCH SCHOOLS IN AND AROUND PETALING JAYA. -- BERNAMA 1629/YF