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(P) SEREMBAN, NOV. 14 (BERNAMA)— THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND \$62 MILLION NEXT YEAR TO EXTEND THE TEXT-BOOK LOAN SCHEME, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WHICH WAS LAUNCHED THIS YEAR WAS AIMED AT HELPING NEEDY PUPILS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE DATUK ABDULLAH ASTANA RAJA SECONDARY SCHOOL, ABOUT 27 MILES FROM HERE, TODAY, THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE EDUCATION MINISTRY HAD BEEN ALLOCATED \$1,287 MILLION FOR 1975.

THIS REPRESENTED THE BIGGEST EXPENDITURE IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET, HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO BE PRUDENT IN SPENDING SO THAT ALL EXPENDITURES WOULD ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULTS. ON STUDENT CO-OPERATIVES, HE SAID THESE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUCATE THE HABIT OF SAVING IN STUDENTS.
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DR. MAHATHIR SUGGESTED THAT PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS BE USED AS CONSULTATIVE BODIES TO SOLVE STUDENT PROBLEMS.

THE MINISTER CALLED ON HEAD-MASTERS AND STATE DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION TO REACTIVATE ALL PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS TO MAKE THEM MORE EFFECTIVE.

DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND \$4 MILLION ON EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS IN NEGRI SEMBILAN NEXT YEAR. THIS INCLUDED THE BUILDING OF FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, HE SAID.
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