

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 21 (BERNAMA) — THE DEWAN RAKYAT WAS TOLD TODAY THAT THE EDUCATION MINISTRY HAD TAKEN SEVERAL MEASURES TO ENSURE A HIGH STANDARD OF CHINESE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID DURING QUESTION TIME THAT CHINESE WAS MADE AN EXAMINATION SUBJECT IN THE STANDARD THREE AND STANDARD FIVE ASSESSMENT EXAMS. (P)

THE CURRICULUM FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING CHINESE IN TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES HAD BEEN REVIEWED TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD.

DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT OFFICERS FROM THE FEDERAL INSPECTORATE ALSO VISITED SCHOOLS TO ASSESS AND ADVISE ON THE MATTER.

HE WAS REPLYING TO ENCIK FARN SEONG THAN (DAP-SUNGEI BESI).

IN ANSWER TO ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG (DAP-KOTA MELAKA), DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE MALAYSIAN VETERINARY STUDENTS UNION TO RECOGNISE THE MADRAS VETERINARY COLLEGE AS A VETERINARY INSTITUTE.

THIS MEMORANDUM HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE NOW REVIEWING THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND THE COMMITTEE WAS OBTAINING FULL PARTICULARS FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DECIDE ON WHETHER GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE COULD BE PLACED IN DIVISION ONE INSTEAD OF DIVISION TWO, AFTER THE COMMITTEE HAD VERIFIED ITS QUALIFICATIONS, HE ADDED.

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