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PARLIAMENT-SCHOLARSHIPS

KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 8 (BERNAMA) — STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO SPEED UP PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS IN BRITAIN AND EIRE, THE EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT TODAY.

HE SAID THE MALAYSIAN STUDENTS DEPARTMENT IN LONDON WAS LOOKING AFTER ABOUT 2,000 STUDENTS OF VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND POLYTECHNICS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM MORE THAN 20 ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MARA, STATE GOVERNMENTS, NATIONAL ELECTRICITY BOARD, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MALAYAN RAILWAYS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG (DAP-KOTA MELAKA) WHO ASKED THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO OVERCOME THE LATE PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS THERE.

THE MINISTER SAID THE ORGANISATIONS HAD BEEN ASKED TO PAY ADVANCES OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE MINISTRY TO SPEED UP PAYMENTS TO STUDENTS. —BERNAMA MORE 1628/MD

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THE MALAYSIAN STUDENTS DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO TAKING STEPS TO SPEED UP PAYMENTS TO STUDENTS.

REPLYING TO ENCIK OH KENG SENG (DAP-PETALING) DR. MAHATHIR SAID HIS MINISTRY WAS STUDYING THE REQUEST BY LABORATORY STAFF UNION FOR DHOPY ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID TO ATTENDANTS FROM OCT. 25 1971 — THE AGREEMENT DATE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD EARLIER AGREED TO PAY THE ALLOWANCE FROM OCT. 1ST. 1974 AND NOT AUG. 1ST 1969.

REPLYING TO HAJI SHAFIE BIN HAJI ABDULLAH (BN-BALING), THE MINISTER SAID MORE BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS WERE TAKING ARTS COURSES THAN SCIENCE IN UNIVERSITIES BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED BUMIPUTRAS FOR SCIENCE COURSES WAS LIMITED.

HOWEVER, STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBER. — BERNAMA 1655/MD