

NEW PROPOSALS FOR

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— Fresh proposals are being drawn up by officials of the Ministry of Education, which would affect more than 11,000 teachers without School Certificates in the various medium schools.

The Minister of Education, (Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad) directed his officers yesterday to draw up new alternate proposals as 12 teachers' unions have turned down earlier offers by the Ministry.

After meeting representatives from the 12 unions, Dr. Mahathir said that "some progress" was made during the discussions, but the unions were not satisfied with the terms offered.

Dr. Mahathir told the union leaders he sympathised with their case and promised that he would do his best to solve the issue.

Most of the 11,500 trained teachers affected are teaching in Malay, Chinese, Tamil and English schools and are in the grade B1 and B2 of the Aziz Commission Scheme for teachers without the School Certificate.

The Secretary-General of the NUPT which is one of the 12 unions, Mr. Aloysius Mathews, said today only a quarter of the teachers would benefit by the Public Services Department's offer of placing

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those who are on a salary scale of \$480 on a new scale of \$580 X 30, or C2 scale.

He said this falls short of the unions' expectations and the unions have suggested that those teachers now

on a scale of \$400 and above, be placed on the new scale.

The unions have also suggested that all teachers in the B1 and B2 scales be placed on the C2 which is the scale for teachers with

School Certificates.

He added that though most of the teachers affected are without School Certificates, they have undergone teacher training, and some of them are headmasters with long service.