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SELAMA, FEB. 13 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, HAS CRITICISED THE ATTITUDE OF MOST WOMEN TEACHERS WITH DEGREES WHO CHOOSE THEIR PLACE OF WORK, PARTICULARLY IN TOWNS AND THEIR OWN STATES.

HE POINTED OUT TODAY THAT THE HUSBANDS OF MOST OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED IN BIG TOWNS SUCH AS KUALA LUMPUR, IPOH AND PENANG.

THE MINISTER SAID THAT IF HIS MINISTRY ENTERTAINED THE WISHES OF THESE TEACHERS, THEN THERE WOULD BE MANY TEACHERS WITH DEGREES SERVING IN BIG TOWNS.

THIS WOULD CAUSE THEM TO TEACH LOWER FORMS SUCH AS FORMS ONE, TWO AND THREE, HE SAID IN OPENING AN \$80,000 EXTENSION TO THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN BANGGOL JAS HERE.

IF THIS HAPPENED, WHAT ABOUT SCHOOLS IN THE RURAL AREAS WHERE THE SERVICES OF THESE TEACHERS WERE NEEDED, THE MINISTER ASKED.

DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE EDUCATION SERVICE AT ALL LEVELS WAS TO FULFIL THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS SO THAT EDUCATION COULD BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1758/A1

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HE SAID THE SERVICE WAS NOT TO FULFIL THE NEEDS OF THE MINISTER OR ANY STAFF INVOLVED IN THE SERVICE.

THEREFORE, THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY IF ANY DIFFERENCES AROSE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

+IF WE ARE AWARE OF THE AIMS OF THE EDUCATION SERVICE THEN MANY OF THE PROBLEMS FACED IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD CAN BE SOLVED,+ HE SAID.

BUT, SOMETIMES AND EVEN FREQUENTLY, THE EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF STUDENTS WERE FORGOTTEN AND THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF OTHERS WERE EMPHASISED, DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

THIS WAS HAPPENING AS THOUGH THE EDUCATION SERVICE WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE THE MINISTER AND OTHERS WITH JOBS AND A COMFORTABLE LIVELIHOOD.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DATO' SRI HAJI KAMARUDDIN MOHAMED ISA, IN HIS SPEECH, URGED PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO SOLVE THE EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN TOGETHER.

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LATER, DR. MAHATHIR OPENED AN EXTENSION TO THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN TELOK MEDAN IN BAGAN SERAI.

IN HIS SPEECH THERE, THE MINISTER GAVE THE SIX CONDITIONS WHICH ENABLED CANDIDATES WHO FAILED THE SRP/LCE EXAMINATIONS LAST YEAR TO BE RETAINED IN FORM THREE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

- THE CANDIDATES SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RETAINED BEFORE.
- THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN IN OR AFTER 1959 (FOR REMOVE CLASS STUDENTS) AND IN 1960 OR AFTER (FOR OTHERS),

- +B+ GRADE CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE AN AGGREGATE BETWEEN 38 AND 40 UNITS.

- CANDIDATES WHO OBTAINED +C+ AND +S+ GRADES SHOULD HAVE PASSED AT LEAST SIX SUBJECTS,

- CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN IF THERE WERE VACANT PLACES, AND
- THOSE ALLOWED TO STUDY IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS WOULD HAVE TO PAY SCHOOL FEES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS YEAR THE MINISTRY HAD DECIDED TO ALLOW ONLY CANDIDATES WITH AN AGGREGATE OF EIGHT UNITS FOR ENROLLMENT IN FORM FOUR IN THREE FULLY-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS.

THE SCHOOLS ARE THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH JALAN KOLAM AIR, SEKOLAH MENENGAH ALAM SHAH AND THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH SULTAN ABDUL HALIM.

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