

# Be fair in transfer appeals, teachers are urged

TAIPING, Friday.

TEACHERS should not appeal for transfers to towns just for their own convenience, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said today.

He said this year, as in previous years, his Ministry had received numerous requests from women graduate teachers to join their husbands in towns like Penang, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur.

If these requests were to be entertained just for their own convenience, then there would be too many graduate teachers in these areas, he said at the opening of a new extension to

## Rural areas

"If we release these teachers, they would be

teaching lower forms while secondary schools in rural areas would be deprived of their services," he said.

Dr. Mahathir added that one of the major problems faced by his Ministry was the numerous requests from teachers to be posted to their own home towns or states.

He said his Ministry could not entertain all the requests. For example, teachers wishing to be transferred to Penang should understand that the State produced more teachers than required.

But states like Kelantan, Trengganu and Pahang were greatly in need of teachers to teach mathematics and science, he said.

Opening a primary school in Telok Medan in Bagan Serai, Dr. Mahathir said this year only three of the fully residential schools could take in more Form Four students.

## 180 vacancies

"As there are only 180 vacancies in the three schools, the Ministry had decided that only those who obtained eight units in the recent SRP examinations would be accepted," he said.

"If we increased the total units to nine, then about 500 students would qualify."

The schools are Jalan Kolam Air Secondary School, Alam Shah Secondary School, both in Kuala Lumpur and Sultan Abdul Halim Secondary School in Jitra.