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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 6 (BERNAMA)-- THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED WITH THE SUCCESS OF BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS IN THE SCIENCE STREAM FACULTIES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD THE DEWAN RAKYAT THAT MANY OF THE BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS POSSESSING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION WERE TAKEN INTO THE PRE-ENGINEERING PRE-MEDICINE AND PRE-SCIENCE COURSES.

SUCH COURSES WERE OF A YEAR'S DURATION AND WERE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE STUDENTS' BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS.

THE COURSES WERE OF AN INTENSIVE NATURE TO ENABLE THEM TO GAIN ADMISSION INTO FIRST YEAR COURSES IN SCIENCE STREAM FACULTIES, HE SAID IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY DR. HEE TIEN LAI (AYER HITAM) DURING QUESTION TIME. --BERNAMA MORE 1545/1B

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DR. HEE ASKED WHETHER THE EDUCATION MINISTRY WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BUMIPUTRA SCIENCE STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA WHO HAD BEEN ADMITTED WITH MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION FOR THE 1975/76 SESSION, BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS ADMITTED BETWEEN THE 1973/74 AND 1975/76 SESSIONS HAD ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING PASSES:

DETISTRY- 97.8 PERCENT; ENGINEERING - 77.8 PER CENT; SCIENCE - 84.9 PER CENT, AND MEDICAL - 97.1 PER CENT.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENTS REFLECTED IN THE STATISTICS, AND WAS MORE SATISFIED THAT THE RESULTS HAD IMPROVED. --BERNAMA MORE 1613/BY

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REPLYING TO HAJI ZAKARIA ISMAIL (RANTAU PANJANG) THE EDUCATION MINISTER SAID THAT SEKOLAH UGAMA RAKYAT WERE NOT THE ONLY ONES FACED WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING TEXTBOOKS.

SOMETIMES, GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS WERE ALSO CONFRONTED WITH THIS DIFFICULTY, HE SAID.

HE ADVISED THE SEKOLAH UGAMA RAKYAT AND PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS TO CONTACT THE PUBLISHERS DIRECTLY IF THEY FACED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING TEXTBOOKS.

HE DIRECTED ALL STATE DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION TO CONTACT ALL SCHOOLS ON THE MATTER IN THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY.
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HE TOLD ENCIK CHIAN HENG KAI (BATU GAJAH) THAT THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY TO ANY TEACHER'S COLLEGE WAS A SPM/MCE OR SC/SPM.

ON COURSES FOR TEACHERS FROM NATIONAL-TYPE CHINESE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ONLY THOSE WITH A CREDIT IN CHINESE IN THE SPM/MCE/SC WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

CANDIDATES WITH A CREDIT IN BOTH CHINESE AND CHINESE LITERATURE AT SPM/MCE/SC LEVEL WOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENCE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE EDUCATION MINISTRY DID NOT INTEND TO RECOGNISE THE JUNIOR MIDDLE THREE AND SENIOR MIDDLE THREE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY CHINESE PRIVATE SCHOOLS.--BERNAMA MORE 1619/BY.

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IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM ENCIK AZHARUL ABIDIN HAJI ABDUL RAHIM (BN-BATANG PADANG), DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT NO SCHOLARSHIPS WERE OFFERED TO BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS IN THE TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN COLLEGE (KTAR).

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE UP TO THE END OF JUNE WAS 4,542.

FIFTY-TWO OF THEM WERE BUMIPUTRAS, 234 INDIANS, 4,250 CHINESE AND SIX OTHER RACES.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE WAS BASED ON THE LETTER OF INSTRUMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EDUCATION ACT 1961, HE ADDED.--BERNAMA 1715/BY