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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 23 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEFINITELY HAVE A PAY REVISION FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH EFFECT FROM JAN. 1, 1976, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HE SAID THAT THE REVISION WOULD BE BASED ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PAY AND NOT NECESSARILY ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAN SRI IBRAHIM ALI REPORT.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT A CABINET COMMITTEE HEADED BY HIM WAS NOW WORKING OUT THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTER PROPOSALS TO THE IBRAHIM ALI REPORT.

HE ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO HOLD ABOUT 20 MEETINGS AND WAS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS BY JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL (STAFFSIDE) MET PRIME MINISTER, DATUK HUSSEIN ONN AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES ON THE IBRAHIM ALI REPORT.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID AT THE MEETING THE GOVERNMENT EXPLAINED TO THE STAFF SIDE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE IBRAHIM ALI REPORT. --BERNAMA MORE 1424/BY

ACCORDING TO HIM, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO GAVE "FACTS AND FIGURES" ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT.

HE SAID THE FIGURES WERE VERY MUCH "DIFFERENT" FROM THAT QUOTED BY THE COMMISSION.

HE SAID THE STAFF SIDE "DISPUTED" THE FIGURES BUT AGREED TO VERIFY THEM AT THEIR MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD MEET THE UNION LEADERS AGAIN ON THE MATTER. NO DATE HAD BEEN FIXED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO STUDYING THE PAY SCALES OF THE POLICE AND THE ARMED FORCES.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE FINANCE MINISTER, TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, LAW MINISTER, TAN SRI KADIR YUSOF, INFORMATION MINISTER, DATUK AMAR TAIB MAHMUD, LABOUR AND MANPOWER MINISTER, DATUK LEE SAN CHOON, AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT, TAN SRI KADIR SHAMSUDDIN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STAFF SIDE, ENCIK T. NARENDRAN, DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS "FRUITFUL" AND "SINCERE".

HE SAID THAT BOTH SIDES HAD "FRANK EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE".

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT "THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION WILL SURELY HELP TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT PROBLEMS TO AVOID INDUSTRIAL UNREST IN THE COUNTRY." --BERNAMA MORE HM 1442

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HE PRAISED THE PRIME MINISTER FOR +GIVING A FAIR HEARING TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE STAFF SIDE.+

ENCIK NARENDRAN SAID CUEPACS WOULD BE CALLING FOR A MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY TO BRIEF ITS CONSTITUENT MEMBERS ON TODAY'S TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND STATUTORY BODIES WOULD ALSO CALL FOR A SIMILAR MEETING.

ENCIK NARENDRAN SAID THE MEETING WOULD ALSO +DISCUSS THE OCT. 19 DEADLINE FOR INDUSTRIAL ACTION.+

HE SAID THE STAFF SIDE WOULD MEET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO SEEK

CLARIFICATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS ON THE COST INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IBRAHIM ALI REPORT.

ENCIK NARENDRAN SAID THE STAFF SIDE ALSO HOPED FOR A MEETING WITH DATUK HUSSEIN ONN AGAIN SOMETIME BEFORE OCT. 19. 34

ENCIK NARENDRAN COULD COMMIT HIMSELF WHETHER THE CUEPACS WOULD CALL OFF ITS SCHEDULED INDUSTRIAL ACTION, ON OCT. 19.

+ALL THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE PROGRESS OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FROM NEXT WEEK ONWARDS UNTIL THE DEAD LINE.+

HE STRESSED THAT THE DECISION TO CALL OFF THE INDUSTRIAL ACTION LAID COMPLETELY WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCILS OF EACH CONSTITUENT MEMBER UNION WITHIN CUEPACS. - BERNAMA 1500/BW