

MAHATHIR-UNION

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 4 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, CALLED ON UNIONS TODAY TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA ON THE NEW PAY SCHEME TO THE CABINET COMMITTEE BY THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE MEMORANDA WOULD BE STUDIED IN DETAIL BEFORE THE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED.

INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE NOT UNION MEMBERS WERE ALSO INVITED TO SEND IN MEMORANDA.

DR. MAHATHIR ASSURED THAT ALL MAJOR DEFECTS IN THE CABINET COMMITTEE'S REPORT WOULD BE FIRST RECTIFIED BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO SET UP A SPECIAL BODY COMPOSING OFFICIALS FROM THE UNION AND THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE REPORT SMOOTHLY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CABINET COMMITTEE WAS REVIEWING THE RENT FOR GOVERNMENT QUARTERS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1803/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR ASURED THAT THE CABINET COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO REVIEW THE PAY SCALE TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYEES DID NOT GET LESS THAN WHAT THEY WERE GETTING NOW.

THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, WAS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THE CONVERSION TABLE.

PSD DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DATUK ABDUL AZIZ ZAKARIA, EXPECTED THE SCHEME TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY.

ON THE PAYMENT OF ARREARS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID A TREASURY COMMITTEE WAS NOW STUDYING THE VARIOUS MODES OF PAYMENT.

THE COMMITTEE WAS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS STUDY BY APRIL.

ASKED WHETHER THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION TO PAY ARREARS IN GOVERNMENT BONDS, HE SAID: +MAYBE THAT IS ONE OF THE PROBABILITIES THEY WILL LOOK INTO+. --BERNAMA MORE 1846/BY

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT ANOMALIES IN THE PAY SCALE WOULD BE CORRECTED AS AND WHEN THEY AROSE.

EARLIER, DR. MAHATHIR MET A NINE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE IMG COUNCIL LED BY ITS PRESIDENT, HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN TAHIR.

HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN TOLD DR. MAHATHIR THAT THE COUNCIL REPRESENTING ABOUT 75,000 IMG WORKERS HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE NEW PAY SCALE.

HOWEVER, THEY WANTED CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE BEFORE ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

DR. MAHATHIR ASSURED THAT THE ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND ADVISED THE COUNCIL TO SENT IN A MEMORANDUM ON THE ADJUSTMENTS IT WAS SEEKING.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO AGREED TO THE COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR ONE-WEEK LEAVE TO EACH OF THE 12 STATE-REPRESENTATIVES TO HELP PREPARE THE MEMORANDUM. --BERNAMA 1850/BY