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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 5 (BERNAMA) -- DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL RAISE THE ALLOCATION FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE TO STATE GOVERNMENTS FROM \$5,000 TO \$6,200 PER MILE.

THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION WOULD BE BACKDATED TO 1974, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ADDED.

HE TOLD REPORTERS THIS AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE TODAY.

HE SAID THE MEETING HAD FORMULATED A SYSTEM OF PAYMENT ON REVENUE GROWTH RATE FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS.

HE SAID THAT IF THE REVENUE INCREASE EXCEEDED 10 PER CENT A YEAR, THE EXCESS WOULD BE SHARED OUT WITH THE STATE.

HE SAID 50 PER CENT OF THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE WOULD BE GIVEN ACCORDING TO THE RATE AND THE REST WOULD BE GIVEN ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1550/LK

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THE MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED THE DRAWINGS FROM STATE CONSOLIDATED FUNDS FOR THE STATES FACING A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS.

HE SAID THE STATES COULD DRAW MONEY FROM THE FUNDS EITHER FOR ITS OWN USE OR TO REPAY LOANS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE MEETING WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY FINANCE MINISTER TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, MENTERIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS EXCEPT TAN SRI OTHMAN SAAT OF JOHORE AND DATUK HARRIS SALLEH OF SABAH.  
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