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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 29, (BERNAMA) -- EIGHT MILLION RINGGIT HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE WORLD BANK TO REHABILITATE SQUATTERS IN THE FEDERAL TERRITORY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD PARLIAMENT TODAY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID IN REPLY TO ENCIK LOH FOOK YEN (BN-KLUANG) THAT THE HOUSING MINISTRY HAD SET ITSELF A TARGET OF 100,000 UNITS OF HOUSING UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN TO HELP SOLVE THE SQUATTER PROBLEM.

THE NATIONAL LAND COUNCIL HAD ALSO FORMED AN OFFICIALS COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM, HE ADDED.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HAD ANALYSED THE SQUATTER PROBLEM IN THE FEDERAL TERRITORY AND SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LANDS AND MINES ALSO PREPARED A REPORT FOR STATES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

THE MINISTRY OF LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMBINED THE TWO REPORTS AND SUBMITTED THE RESULT TO THE NATIONAL LAND COUNCIL WHICH HAD DECIDED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AT THREE LEVELS - FEDERAL, STATE AND DISTRICT.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS DIRECTING THE EFFORTS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. -- BERNAMA 1655/A1