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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 7 (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO ALLOW CIVIL EMPLOYEES TO GO ON PENSION AFTER HAVING COMPLETED 25 YEARS' SERVICE TO JOIN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE WAS REPLYING TO TENGKU NOOR ASIAH (BN-TUMPAT) IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT WHO ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PERMIT BUMIPUTRAS, WHO HAD COMPLETED 25 YEARS' SERVICE EVEN IF THEY WERE NOT 50 YET, TO GO ON PENSION AND GO INTO BUSINESS.

SHE CLAIMED THAT BY NOT DOING SO, THE GOVERNMENT WAS SACRIFICING THE REALISATION OF THE TARGETTED 30 PER CENT BUMI-PUTRA PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY SINCE THE BUMIPUTRAS WERE LAGGING BEHIND AND MOST BUMIPUTRA INTELLECTUALS WERE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE OBJECTIVE (OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY) WOULD BE ACHIEVED BECAUSE MANY TRAINED BUMIPUTRAS WERE COMING OUT FROM LOCAL AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND THEY COULD JOIN THE PRIVATE SECTOR DIRECTLY.

HE SAID THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT WERE TO TAKE UP TENGKU NOOR ASIAH'S PROPOSAL, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN AND THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WOULD BE JEOPARDISED BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN FACE A SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATORS. — BERNAMA 1717/LK