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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 28 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO SET UP A CONSUMER AFFAIRS MINISTRY AS THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO HANDLE SUCH AFFAIRS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW WAS IN LINE WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONSUMERISM SEMINAR RECENTLY THAT THERE WAS NO PRESENT NEED FOR THE SETTING UP OF SUCH A MINISTRY, HE ADDED IN REPLY TO DATIN HAJJAH FATIMAH ABDUL MAJID (BN-SEMÉRAH).

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HOWEVER ASSURED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALWAYS TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS, INCLUDING STRENGTHENING THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY.

ONE SUCH STEP WAS EXPANDING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION. TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE, MEMBERS REPRESENTING VARIOUS BODIES INVOLVED IN CONSUMERISM HAD ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED FROM THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, STAFF OF THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISIONS WOULD BE BOOSTED IN THE EFFORTS TO INTENSIFY CONSUMER PROTECTION, HE ADDED. — BERNAMA 1818/LK