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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 10 (BERNAMA) — STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AT ALL LEVELS, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEALING IN LAND MATTERS.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID ONE OF THE STEPS WAS TO FILL THE VACANCIES IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING THE NATIONAL LAND COUNCIL MEETING AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 80,000 VACANCIES IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

STATE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ASKED TO FURNISH DETAILS OF VACANCIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES AND THEIR PROBLEMS IN FILLING SUCH VACANCIES.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVED COMPLAINTS THAT LAND ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT VERY SATISFACTORY BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF STAFF. — BERNAMA MORE 1535/SZ

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IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY, TRAINING WOULD BE GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND THE LAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WOULD BE STREAMLINED.

THE SYSTEM OF +WORKFLOW CHART+ WOULD BE INTRODUCED ALONG WITH OTHER MODERN METHODS INCLUDING THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

HE SAID THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A DATA BANK TO KEEP DETAILS OF LAND OWNERS WAS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODERNISATION AND MANPOWER PLANNING UNIT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN GIVING THE TASK OF MODERNISING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH THE USE OF MODERN MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT LIKE THE COMPUTER

IN THIS RESPECT, MENTRIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS WERE REQUIRED TO PLAY A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE BY MAKING REGULAR VISITS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. — BERNAMA MORE 1545/SZ

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID TODAY'S MEETING ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM REGARDING THE ISSUE OF STRATE TITLES FOR FLATS.

HE QUOTED A PROJECT IN KUALA LUMPUR AS AN EXAMPLE. THE MULTI-STOREY LUXURY FLAT PROJECT FAILED BUT THE BUYERS WHO PAID THEIR DEPOSITS COULD NOT GET THEIR MONEY BACK.

HE SAID THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS STUDYING EXISTING LAWS IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO USE AS GUIDELINES IN FORMULATING A LAW ON THE MATTER.

ON THE SQUATTER PROBLEM, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE COUNCIL FOUND THAT SAME BUILDINGS PUT UP UNDER TOL IN SOME TOWNS WERE NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS.

+THIS IS ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT WE WILL STUDY TO FIND WAYS OF AVOIDING IT,+ HE ADDED. — BERNAMA 1605/SZ