

No racial bias in Govt promotions

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— There is no discrimination against any race for promotions and other opportunities in the Government service, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Malaysia is committed to the principle of giving everyone equal opportunity, he said in reply to Mr Fung Ket Wing (DAP-Sandakan).

Efficiency

The same should prevail not only in the Government service but also the private sector so that every community can have an equal chance in business, commerce and other activities, he said.

Mr Fung had asked whether the Government could give assurance that all Malaysians in the Govern-

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ment service would not be discriminated against.

This, he added, was to ensure efficiency of the civil service would not suffer through discontent and dissatisfaction among officers.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir in reply to Mr Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Petaling), who raised the question why most of the senior government posts were filled by Malays, said the situation could be easily remedied.

"The private sector, however, must also ensure the same is done to correct the imbalance that exists there."

He also said in reply to Mr Chan Teck Chan (DAP-Kota Melaka), it was necessary for the sake of the country, to get rid of any feelings of dis-

content and dissatisfaction among Government officers.

"However, there is no point in concentrating this effort in one sector only while the discontent and dissatisfaction in other sectors are ignored," he said.

Discontent

The New Economic Policy was formulated precisely to get rid of these feelings in all sectors, and to ensure justice, he added.

Unfortunately, he said, the feelings would prevail as long as there were people to exploit the issue by making provocative speeches.

The back-bencher from Pasir Puteh, Encik Wan Ahmad bin Najib Mohamad then asked what were the ac-

tions taken to ensure the efficiency of the civil service was not affected as a result of the discontent, frustrations and dissatisfaction among some officers.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said discontented officers who were provoking others would be separated from the rest of the staff.

When asked by Mr Chan to identify those responsible for the provocations, he said "siapa makan cili, dia rasa pedas" (the culprits will know who they are).