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KANGAR, DEC. 2 (BERNAMA)—THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY SUGGESTED THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT PLANT TEAK AND RATTAN TREES ON NEGLECTED LAND NEAR THE PERLIS-THAI BORDER.

HE SAID, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT LAND IN THE STATE WAS SUITABLE FOR PLANTING TEAK TREES, GRAND-SCALED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT.

HE ADDED THAT STUDIES SHOULD ALSO BE MADE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PLANTING RATTAN FOR FURNITURE-MAKING INDUSTRY TO INCREASE THE INCOME OF THE PEOPLE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE STATE'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AT THE STATE OPERATION ROOM HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE STATE ALTHOUGH IT WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BACKWARD STATES IN THE COUNTRY. —BERNAMA MORE 1907/AH

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HE ADDED THAT THE ABILITY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY WATER AND ELECTRICITY TO THE PEOPLE SO FAR WAS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

HE SAID THIS SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO ENABLE EVERY HOUSE IN THE STATE TO ENJOY THE FACILITIES IN THE COMING FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN.

HE ALSO URGED THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO INTENSIFY THE GREEN BOOK PLAN BY ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE TO CULTIVATE CROPS.

ON BUSINESS FACILITIES, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE STALLS BE BUILT IN SMALL TOWNS AND KAMPUNGS FOR PETTY TRADERS.

HE SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE THE PEOPLE TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME AND RAISE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING. —BERNAMA 1912/AH