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KLANG, JULY 12 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED) TOLD FACTORIES AND COMPANIES IN THE COUNTRY TODAY TO STOP DISCRIMINATORY ACTIVITIES AGAINST BUMIPUTRA STAFF AT THE MANAGEMENT LEVEL.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID IT HAD COME TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT SOME COMPANIES AND FACTORIES WERE CARRYING OUT SUCH POLICIES FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO THEMSELVES.

ALTHOUGH CONCEDED THAT RECRUITMENT OF BUMIPUTRAS AT THE MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE LEVELS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD IMPROVED GENERALLY, HE FELT THAT THESE BUMIPUTRA STAFF SHOULD BE UTILISED IN A WAY THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY TO ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT.

THEY SHOULD BE ASSIGNED MORE THAN JUST THE ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THEIR COMPANY AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE SYARIKAT AUTO PARTS MANUFACTURERS COMPANY SDN. BHD. AT THE PANDAMARAN INDUSTRIAL ZONE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER REITERATED HIS CALL TO ALL COMPANIES AND FACTORIES TO UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTIVES AND AIMS BEHIND THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY. — BERNAMA MORE 1610/SZ

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HE SAID NEWLY-ESTABLISHED COMPANIES WERE REQUIRED TO REFLECT THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTRY IN THE LINE-UP OF THEIR STAFF AT ALL LEVELS.

THEY SHOULD DO THIS AT THE EARLY STAGES OTHERWISE THEY WOULD RUN INTO PROBLEMS WHEN TRYING TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION LATER.

IN SUCH AN EVENT, THEN THE ONLY RECOURSE LEFT OPEN TO THEM WOULD BE TO TRY TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR STAFF DURING EXPANSION EXERCISES OR WHEN RESIGNATIONS AND VACANCIES OCCURRED.

EVEN THEN, THIS WOULD NOT BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY AS THE COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OTHER FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION SUCH AS PROMOTIONAL MERITS OF EXISTING NON-BUMIPUTRA STAFF.

ON THE MANUFACTURE OF COMPONENT PARTS, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INDUSTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS CARRYING OUT A STUDY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING THE TYPES AND MODELS OF VEHICLES ASSEMBLED LOCALLY TO ENSURE A MORE VIABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COMPONENT PART INDUSTRY.

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THE PROPOSED MOVE WOULD FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDISED COMPONENT PARTS THAT COULD FIT THE MAJORITY OF THE TYPES AND MODELS OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE COUNTRY.

ON COMPONENT PARTS FOR ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT, HE SAID THAT LEAF SPRINGS AND EXHAUST PIPES WOULD BE DROPPED FROM THE COMPLETELY KNOCKED-DOWN PACKAGE FROM DEC. 1 THIS YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY OTHER COMPONENT PARTS THAT COULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE PACKAGE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON THE MATTER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HE ADDED.

HE URGED MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLERS AND COMPONENT PART MANUFACTURERS TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN BRINGING ABOUT HIGHER LOCAL CONTENT IN THE INDUSTRY.

THE SYARIKAT AUTO PARTS MANUFACTURERS WAS SET UP IN 1977 WITH A CAPITAL OF \$14 MILLION TO PRODUCE COMPONENT PARTS, PARTICULARLY LEAF SPRINGS AND SHOCK ABSORBERS. — BERNAMA 1649/SZ