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BALING, OCT. 25<sup>81</sup> (BERNAMA) (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE TO THE KAMPUNG PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM CARRY OUT SMALL INDUSTRIES USING LOCAL MATERIALS SUCH AS BAMBOO, CANE, MENGKUANG AND CLAY. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT EFFORTS MUST COME FROM THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES AS THE GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY PROVIDE THEM FACILITIES SUCH AS MACHINERY AND SHOW THEM HOW TO CARRY OUT THEIR INDUSTRIES.

HE SAID THAT MATERIALS OBTAINABLE FROM THE KAMPUNGS, PARTICULARLY BAMBOO, CANE, MENGKUANG AND CLAY COULD BE USED PROFITABLY IF THE PEOPLE KNOW HOW.

LAUNCHING THE ORCHARD REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN KAMPUNG MENGKUANG, HERE HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO SEND EXPERIENCED OFFICERS TO TEACH THE KAMPUNG FOLKS HOW TO MAKE PRODUCTS FROM THE MATERIALS WHICH COULD BE SOLD LOCALLY AND POSSIBLY EXPORTED.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, BAMBOO COULD BE USED FOR MAKING TOWEL RACKS POPULARLY USED IN HOTELS AND RESTOURANTS, PARTICULARLY IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN. --BERNAMA MORE 1650/HM

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HE SAID THAT EFFORTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT IN KAMPUNGS TO SUPPLY SUCH PRODUCTS TO HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS IN MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE KAMPUNG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT DEPEND ONLY ON SINGLE CROPS SUCH AS RUBBER BECAUSE THE INCOME WAS NOT FIXED AND DEPENDED ON THE PRICE OF THE COMMODITY WHICH FLUCTUATED ACCORDING TO THE MARKET NEEDS.

AS SUCH, TO ENSURE THAT THEIR INCOME WERE NOT AFFECTED, THE KAMPUNG PEOPLE SHOULD GROW OTHER CROPS AS WELL AND CARRY OUT SMALL INDUSTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO FELT THAT KAMPUNGS THAT WERE NOT ORDERLY SHOULD BE IMPROVED UPON AND IDLE AND SHOULD BE UTILISED SO THAT THEY WOULD BECOME PRODUCTIVE.

HE SAID THAT THROUGH THE HOUSING AND KAMPUNG RESTRUCTURING SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO BRING IN BASIC AMENITIES REQUIRED SUCH AS ROADS, WATER SUPPLY AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY MORE QUICKLY. --BERNAMA 1655/HM