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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 2⁸⁾ (BERNAMA) --- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY DENIED THE OPPOSITION'S ALLEGATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT GAVE CASH ALLOCATIONS TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO IMPLEMENT MINOR PROJECTS.

HE SAID SUCH ALLOCATIONS WERE GIVEN ONLY TO DISTRICT OFFICERS, THROUGH STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS, AND TO THE FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTRY.

HE TOLD THE DEWAN RAKYAT THAT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, INCLUDING OPPOSITION MEMBERS, ONLY SUBMITTED A LIST OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

REPLYING TO ENCIK CHIAN HENG KAI (DAP-BATU GAJAH), THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ONLY PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLE WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION BY ENCIK CHIAN, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID AN ALLOCATION MADE WAS NOT A PERSONAL GIFT TO ANYONE BUT WAS GIVEN IF THE REQUEST FOR IT WAS KNOWN TO BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE. --- BERNAMA MORE 1755/MK

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO IMPLEMENT ANY PROJECT PROPOSED BY A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM THE OPPOSITION.

ON DATUK HAJI YUSOF MALIM KUNING IS (BN-PANTI) SUGGESTION THAT THE MAXIMUM LIMIT OF THE ALLOCATION FOR MINOR PROJECTS BE RAISED TO \$300,000 FROM \$200,000, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT INCREASE IT IF IT HAD ENOUGH FUNDS.

REPLYING TO ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG (DAP-PETALING), DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE \$200,000 LIMIT WAS FIXED TO SERVE ONLY AS A GUIDANCE BECAUSE WITHOUT THIS GUIDANCE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PROJECTS.

REPLYING TO ENCIK HASHIM ENDUT (BN-ULU MUDA), THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WERE ALLOCATIONS GIVEN TO OPPOSITION AREAS FOR MINOR PROJECTS AND THIS SHOWED THE GOVERNMENT'S FAIRNESS.

--- BERNAMA 1804/MK