

PARLIAMENT-SARAWAK

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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 21 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLAN TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE FROM OIL PRODUCTION TO THE SARAWAK GOVERNMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD THE DEWAN RAKYAT TODAY.

THE SARAWAK GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT RECEIVED ROYALTY THROUGH CASH PAYMENT OF 5 PER CENT OF THE PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL AND SALE OF GAS, HE SAID.

REPLYING TO QUESTION FROM ENCIK THOMAS SALANG SIDEN (BN-JULAU) THE PRIME MINISTER SAID LAST YEAR THE SARAWAK GOVERNMENT RECEIVED \$116 MILLION FROM THE SOURCE OF REVENUE.

THIS REFLECTED 35 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL REVENUE OF THE STATE AND A BIG INCREASE FROM \$30 MILLION RECEIVED BY THE SARAWAK GOVERNMENT FROM THE SAME SOURCE IN 1975.

THE PRIME MINISTER INDICATED THAT SARAWAK'S REVENUE WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE WHEN THE EXPORT OF LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS BEGAN IN 1983.

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