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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 12 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD OPPOSITION MPS TODAY NOT TO WAIT UNTIL DEWAN RAKYAT SITTING TO BRING UP COMPLAINTS OF INEFFICIENCY IN ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID IF THEY COME ACROSS ANY CASE OF INEFFICIENCY IN ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS REPLYING TO QUESTION RAISED BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG WHO ALLEGED DURING QUESTION TIME IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT THAT JOHOR POLICE DID NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN A CASE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL BUREAU BE SET UP TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS OF INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REJECTED THE SUGGESTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT. -- MORE 1910/MB

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HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE EFFICIENCY, ESPECIALLY IN POLICE WORK.

ON COMPLAINTS FROM ENCIK LEE LAM THYE (DAP-KUALA LUMPUR BANDAR) THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPLY TO A LETTER SENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER TWO MONTHS AGO, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THE LETTER.

BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO REPLY AS HE DID NOT WANT IT TO BE USED AS MATERIALS FOR DEBATE THAT COULD AFFECT THE FEELINGS OF CERTAIN QUARTERS.

'I HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN REPLYING TO LETTERS FROM THE OPPOSITION AS I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH COMPLAINTS ARE GENUINE OR HAVE SOME OTHER MOTIVES,' HE ADDED. -- MORE 1914/MB

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TO A QUESTION FROM WAN MOHAMAD NAJIB MOHAMAD (BN-PASIR PUTEH) DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO ACT AS A 'BIG BROTHER' BY SENDING 'DETECTIVES' TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT TO SPY ON THE STAFF.

SUCH A MOVE COULD NOT ENSURE EFFICIENCY BUT INSTEAD COULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE.

EARLIER, IN REPLY TO ORIGINAL QUESTION FROM ENCIK ISMAIL SAID (BN-KENAMAN); HE SAID THE CRITERIA FOR EFFICIENT, CLEAN AND TRUSTWORTHY ADMINISTRATION ARE:

+AN EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION IS ONE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY SPEEDILY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ACHIEVE A GIVEN TARGET:

+A CLEAN ADMINISTRATION IS ONE WHICH DO NOT DEVIATE FROM ITS DUTIES TO ACCOMMODATE SELF INTERESTS BY MISUSING ITS POWERS OR POSITION:

+A TRUSTWORTHY ADMINISTRATION IS ONE WHICH CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES WITH FULL SINCERITY AND DEDICATION.

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WAS A NEED FOR THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATION TO BE UPGRADED TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED WITH COOPERATION FROM THE STAFF AND THE PUBLIC. -- BERNAMA 1921/MB