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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 31 (BERNAMA) -- SEVERAL KAMPUNGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR PILOT PROJECTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME TO MODERNISE TRADITIONAL KAMPUNGS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE VARIOUS STATE GOVERNMENTS.

+ THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING THE INDUSTRIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CAN BE LOCATED AT THESE VILLAGES, + HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PROJECTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH FUNDS THAT HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE STATE GOVERNMENTS. THERE WOULD BE NO SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE PROJECT THAT HAD BEEN OUTLINED IN THE MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE FOURTH MALAYSIAN PLAN, SCATTERED AND REMOTE TRADITIONAL VILLAGES WOULD BE GROUPED INTO LARGER SETTLEMENTS AND PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND THEIR NEARNESS TO FACTORIES AND TOWNSHIPS WOULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO THE VILLAGES. --
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