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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 7 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO STUDY THE REQUEST FOR A PAY INCREASE FOR STAFF IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE COULD BE A PAY INCREASE ONLY IF THE PEOPLE WERE TOGETHER PREPARED TO SACRIFICE, AND DID NOT DEMAND FOR AN ADDITION OF OTHER FACILITIES LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE DEVELOPMENT FIELD.

THE GOVERNMENT? HE EXPLAINED, DID NOT OBJECT TO THE PAY INCREASE IF THE PEOPLE WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A REDUCTION IN OTHER EXPENDITURE.

+THAT IS FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE. IF THE PEOPLE WANTED OTHER EXPENSES TO BE REDUCED. TO ENABLE A PAY INCREASE FOR GOVERNMENT STAFF, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO.

+NOW, THE GOVERNMENT HAD REDUCED ITS EXPENDITURE FOR DEVELOPMENT, BUT IF THE PEOPLE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD REDUCE IT FURTHER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO ACCEPT THE PEOPLE'S WISHES, + HE TOLD BERNAMA AFTER CHAIRING THE CABINET MEETING.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS COMMENTING ON A STATEMENT FROM CUEPACS YESTERDAY THAT IT WOULD SEND A MEMORANDUM TO THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO REQUEST FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ENTERTAINING REQUESTS FOR A PAY INCREASE? THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO GET THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD TO CONSIDER THE MONEY REQUIRED FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHEN RESTRUCTURING THE PAY FOR CIVIL SERVANTS? HE ADDED.

+WE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING WITH THAT MUCH OF MONEY WE HAVE. IF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PAY IS MORE, THEN THAT OF OTHERS HAVE TO BE REDUCED, + DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

THE MEMORANDUM TO BE SENT CONTAINS PROPOSALS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE: CIVIL SERVICE ALLOWANCE, MATTERS RELATED TO HOUSING AND THE QUESTION OF EXEMPTION OF TAX FOR ALLOWANCES PAID TO GOVERNMENT STAFF.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HOWEVER THAT HE HAD TO STUDY THE MEMORANDUM BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION ON THE REQUEST.

HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF CUEPACS AND ALSO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN IMPROVING FURTHER THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

CUEPACS HAD SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD REVIEW THE CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION WHICH IT SAID WAS +OUTDATED+ AND BASED ON THE COLONIAL SYSTEM. -- BERNAMA

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