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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 18 (BERNAMA) -- THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF CIVIL SERVANTS' CLUBS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE MINISTRY, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THEY HAD NO OTHER SOURCE OF FINANCE OTHER THAN MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS, HE ADDED WHEN SPEAKING AT THE +FAMILY GET TOGETHER+ OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT SPORTS AND WELFARE COUNCIL HERE.

HE SAID THE CLUBS WERE IN A DILEMA AS TO WHERE TO GET MONEY FOR THEIR VARIOUS PROJECTS FOR THEY WERE PROHIBITED FROM SEEKING DONATIONS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HOWEVER THEY COULD ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM COMPANIES OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO ANY ALLEGATIONS FROM SOCIETY, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ENCOURAGE CIVIL SERVANTS TO SEEK DONATIONS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. -- MORE
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+I WILL REFER THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF SUCH CLUBS TO THE FINANCE MINISTER,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO URGED HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RAPPOR T WITH THEIR STAFF TO FACILITATE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS. -- BERNAMA
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