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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 10 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DENIED THAT EACH BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WAS SPECIALLY ALLOCATED \$200,000 TO PAY FOR DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES.

+WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT AN MP PROPOSES A PROJECT THAT HE FEELS IS NEEDED IN THE AREA AND SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT OFFICER, WHO THEN FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

+THE STATE GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE WHETHER THE PROJECT IS OF PRIORITY,+ HE TOLD ENCIK CHIAN HENG KAI (DAP-BUKIT MERTAJAM) IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION FOR SUCH A PROJECT LAY WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATION UNIT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND WOULD NORMALLY NOT EXCEED \$200,000 A YEAR.

IF THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED, IT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND DISTRICT OFFICER ACCORDING TO IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, HE SAID.

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TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION FROM ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG (DAP-TANJONG), HE SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT EACH MP WOULD BE ALLOCATED \$200,000 AS THE AMOUNT WOULD DEPEND ON THE PRIORITY OF A PROJECT FOR A CERTAIN AREA.

HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO DISCRIMINATION IN THE GRANTING OF THE ALLOCATION BETWEEN BN AND OPPOSITION MPS AS THIS WAS BASED ON THE PRIORITY OF THE PROJECTS.

TO A QUESTION FROM HAJI IBRAHIM ALI (BN-PASIR MAS), DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT MANY OPPOSITION MPS REPRESENTING URBAN AREAS HAD BEEN GIVEN MORE THAN \$200,000.

HE TOLD ENCIK SAMSON CHIN CHEE TSU (DAP-TAWAU) THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO PLANS YET TO POST A JUDGE IN EVERY MAJOR TOWN IN SABAH.

ENCIK CHIN HAD ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN THAT STATE IN VIEW OF THE RISE IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES. -- BERNAMA

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