

Compulsory to declare assets

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Government officers, except those in Group D, have to declare their assets to their respective disciplinary boards, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He told the Dewan Negara yesterday that this directive was contained in Service Circulars 3/1981 and 3/1984.

"With this requirement, it was felt that an open declaration of assets would not be necessary," he added.

The Prime Minister was replying to Senator Datuk Dr

K.S. Nijhar who had asked whether Government officers and officers of financial institutions to make open declarations of their assets to form the basis of a clean, efficient and trustworthy Government.

Regulations

As for financial institutions and co-operatives, Dr Mahathir said such organisations were private establishments.

They were set up and managed under certain laws and regulations and were not dir-

ectly under the jurisdiction of the Government.

Dr Mahathir said it was up to the managements of these organisations to decide whether to direct their officers to declare their assets.

To a supplementary question from Senator Haji Shuaib Lazim, he said no Government officer had refused to declare his assets.

He said the Government had certain ways of checking into the authenticity of declarations and false declarations would be exposed.