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MONITOR THOSE ADVOCATING OPEN SEDITION AGAINST RULERS, GOVT URGED

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- The Home Ministry was today urged to keep tabs on individuals who were advocating open sedition against the Rulers.

Datuk Shukri Mohamed (BN-Machang) said the ministry should monitor actions of PAS leaders who had reportedly challenged and condemned the Rulers in the open.

"I believe a police report has been lodged in Kelantan to enable action be taken to observe the laws," he said when debating the National Budget 1997 at the committee stage in the Dewan Rakyat here.

Sukri said the laws should be applied irrespective of their status in society.

Abdul Hadi Awang (Pas-Marang), in his speech, urged the Attorney General's Office to help resolve the problem involving the four Kelantan State Executive Councillors who refused to resign in spite of switching political parties.

He said the Attorney-General's Office should safeguard parliamentary democracy and resolve the problem in Kelantan.

Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Tanjong) on the other hand urged the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to impose strict discipline on ministers to ensure that they took their parliamentary duties seriously.

He said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik was being arrogant when he said his absence during parliamentary sittings should not be questioned.

Lim said parliamentary records showed that Ling and Primary Industries Minister Datuk Dr Lim Keng Yaik were the only two ministers who were not present during throughout the question answer session this year.

He also suggested that the subject "civil society" should be included in the courses conducted by the National Civics Bureau for future leaders of the Barisan Nasional (BN).

Yunus Rahmat (BN-Jelebu), meanwhile, asked the Implementation and Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister Department to give attention to staff who were incapable of implementing the government's programmes at the state and district level.

He said many programmes could not be implemented on schedule because officers entrusted with task took their jobs lightly.

Yunus hoped district officers or assistant district officers would utilise fully the allocation received for each year without the need to bring it forward to the following year.

He also asked the Islamic Religious Department to intensify dakwah activities among the Orang Asli community especially those who had embraced Islam.

He said dakwah programme should be formulated as such that those who embraced Islam would lead the Islamic way of life.

The Dewan Rakyat will sit again tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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