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THINK TANK TO ENSURE COMPLETION OF ROAD PROJECTS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (Bernama) -- A think tank will be set up at the Public Works Department to ensure all its projects, especially road repairs, under the 7th Malaysia Plan are completed on schedule, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"I have directed the new PWD Director-General Datuk Omar Ibrahim to set up a team of decision thinkers among his officers and lay out new strategies in handling future work repair projects," he told reporters after opening the India Mango Festival here.

PWD was gearing up its machinery to avoid delays in its projects, said Samy Vellu, who is MIC President.

On the demolition order served on the 40-year-old Murugan Temple in Jalan Bellamy here, Samy Vellu said he was doing his best to save the temple.

He will see Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to explain the historical value of the temple, which has to make way for a road project.

Samy Vellu said he will also raise the matter with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who will chair the Land Committee meeting tomorrow.

"If the temple obstructs development projects, I would rather it be relocated elsewhere and not demolished," he added.

Samy Vellu said he had raised the subject at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

In his speech, Samy Vellu urged the Indian government to increase its mango export to Malaysia in view of the vast market for the fruit here. --

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