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Minister explains why tenders are negotiated

SELAYANG, Fri. - Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today government projects which are highly specialised or urgent needed to be awarded on a negotiated tender basis.

However he said some 65 to 70 per cent of contracts went through the open tender system.

"What I am talking about is some jobs, less than 30 per cent, go through negotiated tender.

"The Government for various reasons have to go for negotiated tenders because it cuts down time, the project is urgent and the (open) tender process will take time," Samy Vellu said after visiting the site of the Selayang Hospital.

He was responding to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's comments yesterday on his (Samy Vellu's) proposal that all contracts for government projects be awarded through the open or competitive system.

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