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Probe into hill cutting that delayed road construction

IPOH, Sun. - The Works Ministry will investigate hill cutting in areas from Pos Slim in Perak to Kampung Raja in Pahang which have caused a delay in the construction of a 21km stretch of road from Simpang Pulai to Kampung Raja in Cameron Highlands. Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said investigations needed to be conducted to avoid future problems arising from hill cutting.

However, he said he was not sure when the project would be completed since there were many packages carried out by the Malaysia-Thailand Development Berhad, the contractor building the second highway to Cameron Highlands.

He said the ministry had prepared a model of the project to be shown to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He also said the ministry would rebuild the Tapah-Ringlet road.

Samy Vellu said this after a fund raising dinner to set up a computer class at Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (Tamil) Gunung Rapat yesterday.

In an unrelated development, Samy Vellu, who is also MIC president said he welcomed the changes in the party's leadership.

"I welcome eligible members for any positions but democracy must prevail in the party."

"I am happy with the changes in the divisional positions."

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