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Proton plant for Indian state of Andhra Pradesh

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Proton will set up a plant in Andhra Pradesh State in India soon, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

The Cabinet has already given the go-ahead.

The State's Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu, who visited Malaysia recently, had met the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his visit to express interest on the project.

Samy Vellu said the venture had earlier been proposed for the Tamil Nadu State and although the state had indicated interest then, there had not been any further response to the offer.

"When a similar offer was made to Naidu, he jumped at the idea," he said after laying the foundation stone for the Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil Vivekananda in Brickfields this morning.

Also present were the Vivekananda Ashram chairman Datuk Dr K. Ampikaipakan and Bukit Bintang MP Dr Lee Chong Meng.

Samy Vellu said he had been informed that the Indian Minister of Industry had sent a proposal letter on setting up of the plant to the Malaysian Embassy in New Delhi yesterday.

Further details will be finalised between Proton and the Andhra Pradesh authorities soon.

He urged local entrepreneurs to invest in India which was offering many business opportunities.

He said he would lead a delegation to India, especially Andhra Pradesh state, to look for business opportunities.

Naidu has also pledged more road and other infrastructure projects for Malaysian companies.

On the new school, Samy Vellu said the RM1 million, four-storey school would be built on the smart school concept.

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