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Samy Vellu: Approved projects to go on

SUNGAI SIPUT, Sat. - All privatised projects in Perak which have been approved for construction will be carried out as scheduled, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

The projects include the 21-km stretch of road from Simpang Pulai to Kampung Raja in Cameron Highlands and the new road from Gopeng to Lumut.

He was speaking to reporters after opening the Orang Asli Family Health Day at Pos Piah about 67km from here.

So far, no approved privatised projects in the State had been affected, Samy Vellu said in response to the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to stop the construction of projects which could be considered as extravagant.

He said he would be following the instruction of the Cabinet that all new projects be put on a hold to cut cost in efforts to strengthen the country's economy.

On his Sungai Siput parliamentary constituency, he said since 1974 RM16 million had been spent on the development of Sungai Siput.

Another RM8 million has been spent to build bridges and other projects.

Samy Vellu said he had brought to the attention of the Cabinet several times that he wanted Sungai Siput to have its own district council.

This, he said, would facilitate better facilities for Sungei Siput where the population was more than in Kuala Kangsar.

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