

PM: I don't know what Ghafar's status is as an MP

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says he still does not know about the status of Tun Ghafar Baba, who has been declared a bankrupt, as a Member of Parliament.

"I don't know. I have not asked yet (about Ghafar's position)," the Prime Minister said.

He was asked to comment on Ghafar's position as MP for Jasin, Malacca, following the High Court declaration.

The Kuala Lumpur High Court had on Tuesday declared Ghafar, 73, a bankrupt after he failed to pay RM500,000 to Pengkalen Holdings Berhad director Datuk Choong Kok Min.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after presenting excellent service awards to staff of the Prime Minister's Department at Pusat Islam here yesterday.

Under the Federal Constitution, a person is disqualified as an MP if he is declared a bankrupt.

The former deputy prime minister's son, Mohamed Tamrin, was also declared a bankrupt by the same court for failing to pay Choong RM1.5mil.