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S'PORE PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS FUNDS FOR MALAYSIA

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SINGAPORE, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Several Members of Parliament have requested for details of Singapore's promise to raise funds for Malaysia at Monday's house sitting.

According to the Order Paper for the sitting, MP Zulkifli Baharudin will ask Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong on specific requests made by his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for Singapore to help the Malaysian economy.

Zulkifli also wants to know if the recent meeting between the two prime ministers reflected a change in the Malaysian government's attitude to restore and improve ties with Singapore.

Another MP, Shrinivas Rai will ask Goh whether the question of water supply to Singapore was raised during Goh's meeting with Dr Mahathir on Nov 5 in Kuala Lumpur.

At a joint news conference after the meeting, the two prime ministers said Singapore would offer its help in raising funds for Kuala Lumpur but no details were offered.

The question of water supply was among several contentious bilateral issues discussed between Dr Mahathir and Goh. Singapore currently has two water supply agreements with Malaysia expiring in 2011 and 2061 and has requested for more supply.

Goh is also scheduled to reply to MP Chuang Shaw Peng whether he will elaborate on the win-win proposals in the negotiations with Malaysia.

Another Malaysia-related question will be raised by MP Tay Beng Chuang. He will ask Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Tony Tan if there is an apparent threat arising from statements by Malaysia that it would not compromise on intrusions of its air space.

Tay will also ask if the Singapore air force had safeguards in place should retaliatory actions take place. The republic's air force no longer has permission to use Malaysian air space since last September.

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