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Foreigners for four productive sectors

SUNGAI SIPUT, Fri. - The Government will allow more foreigners to work in productive sectors, including construction, where demand for workers has increased.

The sectors for which employment of foreign workers would be allowed are in manufacturing, plantation, construction and the hotel industry.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Mohd Tajol Rosli Ghazali said there was increased demand for workers by employers in the four sectors and the Government had decided in principle to fulfil their needs.

He said the Cabinet committee on foreign workers chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to meet soon to approve the number of foreigners who would be allowed to work in these sectors.

"We have approved in principle, additional foreign workers to be employed ... the number to be approved by the committee is substantial and this will be decided when Dr Mahathir chairs the meeting of the committee on foreign workers," he said.

Tajol Rosli was speaking to reporters after briefing Barisan Nasional leaders on current issues at the Felda Lasah community hall today.

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