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GOVT TO HELP M'SIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

BUTTERWORTH, July 3 (Bernama) -- The government will help some 90 Malaysian medical students in Trinidad & Tobago who are facing financial problems, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said the students, mostly of Indian origin, were badly hit by a sharp rise in costs falling the fall in the value of the ringgit.

The MIC had brought up the matter with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he told reporters after opening the Pulau Pinang MIC Convention.

Samy Vellu also said that Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had informed him that the government would help 145 Indian Malaysians pursuing medical studies in Indonesia who were seeking a transfer from colleges not recognised by the government to recognised colleges.

In his speech, he said the MIC needed RM12 million a year to provide loans to Indian Malaysians studying in local and foreign institutions of higher learning.

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