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OFFICERS TO WORK OVERTIME TO SPEED UP PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

KUALA NERANG, July 28 (Bernama) -- Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa has directed officers in the ministry and its agencies to work overtime to speed up the implementation of development projects.

The relevant officers would work overtime on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during August to approve both small and big projects and ensure they were implemented speedily, he said.

Only 25 per cent of the more than RM500 million allocated for rural development projects had been used up and this reflected the slow pace of project implementation, he said.

"This means there are still many projects stuck somewhere along the line of bureaucratic red tape of the present system," he told reporters after a meeting with the Kampung Tandop Besar Development and Security Committee here.

He said that at the Cabinet meeting two weeks ago Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace of implementing development projects in the rural areas and had directed that the present procedures of implementation be reviewed.

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