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CUEPACS EXPECTS SALARY ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED IN 10 DAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs president N.Siva Subramaniam said today he expects the five-year-old salary revision claims of five statutory bodies to be resolved in 10 days.

Speaking to reporters after attending the Workers' Day 1999 solidarity rally at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil, here, he said the government was "actively pursuing the matter".

"We are confident that the matter will be settled amicably soon. We expect a solution in 10 days," he said after attending a luncheon with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who earlier addressed the rally, and other workers unions' leaders.

Siva Subramaniam said the Public Service Department (PSD) had submitted a paper (to the Cabinet) and the question now was getting the feedback from the Treasury.

Asked if he had discussed the matter with Dr Mahathir today, Siva Subramaniam said: "We are confident that the PM will solve the problem".

The five statutory bodies are the Social Security Organisation (Socso), Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN), Tabung Haji and Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT).

More than 10,000 employees of these organisations have been seeking the salary revision on grounds that their salaries are lower than those of their counterparts in the public sector.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) president Senator Zainal Rampak told Bernama today that the matter was still being studied by the PSD.

"I spoke to the PSD director-general (Datuk Samsudin Osman) today and he told me that the Cabinet has not decided yet on the matter," he said when contacted here.

Zainal hoped that the PSD would speed up the matter which has been pending for five years.

"The funds for the salary revision will not come from the government but it will come from the five organisations," he said.

As such, he said, he failed to see why the government had not given the green light to implement the salary revision.

Zainal also called on companies which have made profits following the economic recovery to continue their negotiations with their workers on their collective agreement (CA).

"It will be better if these companies could reward their workers by renewing the CA," he added.

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