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CUEPACS SEEKS DR M'S HELP ON SALARY ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 18 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs will appeal to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to help resolve the salary revision claims of five statutory bodies because the issue has dragged on for some time.

Its secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said the congress hoped that the issue could be resolved by the end of this month.

"Cuepacs took the decision to appeal to the Prime Minister so that the issue can be settled by the end of this month," he said in a statement today.

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 since 1997 on grounds that their salaries are lower than those of their counterparts in the public sector.

At a meeting with union representatives from the five bodies yesterday, Cuepacs was told that the salary claims should have been settled several months ago, after the submission of a Public Service Department report to the Cabinet.

"However, at the last minute it required a study and cost comparison with the Treasury. Cuepacs understands that procedures need to be followed but feels that the issue should have been resolved," he said.

He said Cuepacs supported the unions' claim for the salary revision and other benefits to be backdated to Jan 1 1995, the date the last salary revision for civil servants was implemented.

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