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Cuepacs wants RM750 basic pay

MALACCA, Thurs. - The Confederation of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Service has proposed that the basic salary for the lower income group be increased to RM750 from the present RM400.

About 400,000 civil servants in that category such as clerks, office boys and labourers would benefit if the Government approved the proposed review, its secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said.

He said the working paper on the civil servants' salary review would be endorsed in its next council meeting in Kuala Lumpur and submitted to the Government next month.

Cuepacs' salary revision committee finalised the proposed review last week.

Cuepacs felt it was timely for the revision to take place to "help ease the financial burden of workers in the lower income bracket" as prices of goods have increased.

Abdul Rahman said the Government should seriously consider a revision as they had contributed significantly towards the implementation of the Government's policies and projects despite the economic slowdown.

"Now that the economy is showing signs of recovery, the Government should seriously consider it."

The last salary adjustment carried out by the Government was in 1996.

He said Cuepacs was seeking an appointment with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss the matter.

The union's working paper would also contain its evaluation of the New Salary Scheme which was implemented seven years ago, he said.

Cuepacs had detected several weaknesses in the SSB which would be highlighted in the review proposal, he added.

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