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ESTATE WORKERS WANT TO GAUGE MP'S SUPPORT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- A survey will be conducted among Members of Parliament to gauge their support for the proposal for a monthly wage and permanent housing for estate workers.

S.Arutchelvan, spokesman of the Estate Workers Support Committee which is conducting the survey, said questionnaires would be sent to all the 192 MPs to get their stand on the issue and to determine whether they were serious about the proposal.

The estate workers wanted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to intervene as their demands involved 800,000 local estate workers.

The monthly wage and permanent housing issue had been repeatedly referred to union and government representatives but no concrete and just solution had been achieved.

The issue gathered momentum recently with the MIC saying that it would fight for the estate workers' demands.

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