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2000 Budget to be re-tabled on Feb 29

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The 2000 Budget will be re-tabled on Feb 29, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Budget (Supply Bill 2000) would only be tabled for first reading today and debated in the next Parliament meeting scheduled in February, he told reporters at Parliament lobby after the swearing-in ceremony of MPs.

Dr Mahathir said besides the 2000 Budget, another Bill to make provision for next year's expenditure would also be tabled today.

This was necessary as the 2000 Budget tabled on Oct 29, could not be passed by Parliament following its dissolution last month.

Dr Mahathir said the Bill - Consolidated Fund (Expenditure on Account) Bill 1999 - would not be debated, but immediately passed.

"We will make allocations for two to three months expenditure and table the Budget again on Feb 29 to be debated."

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