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Panel to ensure projects are carried out on schedule

KOTA BARU, Tues. - A 15-member advisory committee has been set up to oversee the implementation of development projects in Kelantan.

The committee, chaired by Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, was set up following a paper tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during a Cabinet meeting two weeks ago.

"The paper (tabled by Dr Mahathir), among others, seeks to redress the problems of delays in implementation of projects in Kelantan," Annuar told a Press conference after opening the Sekolah Kebangsaan Chengal Parent-Teacher Association's annual general meeting yesterday.

Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Ibrahim Ali were appointed deputy chairmen of the committee.

Annuar said the committee would meet once a month to discuss and find ways to address problems.

"The first meeting will be held in about a week." He said the committee would provide guidelines to expedite implementation of the projects, including matters relating to the issuing of contracts to ensure they can be carried out efficiently and without delay.

"The committee will monitor and when necessary, advise and issue guidelines to ensure efficiency in project implementation."

Annuar said this in response to a statement by First Finance Minister Tun Dain Zainuddin that government departments and agencies in Kelantan which come under the Rural Development, Agriculture, Health and Education ministries carry out their development projects on schedule. The departments and agencies are those which have been provided with additional allocation of RM628 million to carry out programmes under the Seventh Malaysia Plan.

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