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Progress reports on all low-cost homes for PM

KUANTAN, Fri. - State Governments are now required to submit progress reports on the development of their low-cost houses to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad every fortnight.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Khalil Yaakob said today that the Implementation and Co-ordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department had also asked States to furnish it with reports on the status of other development projects.

"These are indications that our economy is already moving," he said after opening the 70th outlet of England Optical Group (M) Sdn Bhd here.

He said all projects related to the people's welfare which were shelved or deferred would be continued. The affected projects in Pahang include the Temerloh and Cameron Highlands hospitals.

Tabling the mid-term review of the Seventh Malaysia Plan (1996-2000) in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday, Dr Mahathir announced an additional RM22 billion in public spending over the original Plan ceiling of RM67.5 billion in order to stimulate the economy.

Khalil said he believed the additional allocation would result in a stronger economy.

"The projected five per cent economic growth next year shows that measures undertaken by the Government have achieved the desired effect," he said.

He said a growth in the nation's economy would mean that States would also enjoy growth.

"In Pahang, the sign of economic recovery is already obvious, especially with the continued interest shown by foreign investors in the State."

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