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STATE GOVTS TOLD TO SPEED UP APPROVALS TO PROJECT PLANS UNDER PM'S DEPT

ALOR SETAR, June 8 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali today asked state governments to speed up approval of plans to projects implemented under the Prime Minister's Department to avoid problems in disbursement of funds approved by the Treasury.

He said several states faced problems in approving the plans although allocations had been made available.

He urged the state governments concerned to immediately discuss with the engineers and architects to iron out the problems.

" We want the projects to be implemented quickly," he told reporters, here.

Tajol Rosli said his request to the state governments was in his capacity as chairman of the monitoring committee for projects carried out under the Prime Minister's Department.

The committee was set up by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently.

Tajol Rosli said the Treasury had approved RM1.24 billion for projects carried out under the department this year.

Among the major projects currently implemented by the department are the government administrative buildings at the new federal administrative centre in Putrajaya, he said.

He said the department would also carry out projects to build living quarters for armed forces personnel and policemen as well as police stations and court buildings nationwide.

He said the department must spend this year the allocations approved by the Treasury to avoid problems when applying for allocations next year.

Seven projects costing RM27 million are being implemented in Kedah under the department, said Tajol Rosli, who earlier held a closed-door meeting with officers of the State Economic Planning Unit at Wisma Darul Aman, here.

He said he had asked the Kedah government to utilise the RM27 million allocated this year for the projects.

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