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TAJOL REMAINS TIGHT-LIPPED ON MB'S POST

PENKALAN HULU, Nov 25 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali has declined to comment on his chances of being made the Perak Menteri Besar although Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has hinted at this possibility.

"I have always said that I am only contesting the Kenering state seat. The rest is up to the PM (Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad)," he told reporters after performing the ground-breaking ceremony for a low-and medium-cost housing project here today.

Najib, when opening Sekolah Menengah Teknik Gerik, about 50km from here, said Tajol gained the confidence of the Prime Minister when the final list of candidates was decided.

Najib also said Tajol has a bright future.

Talk of Tajol becoming the next Menteri Besar gained strength when he was moved to the state seat from the Gerik parliamentary constituency where he had been contesting since 1978.

Tajol, 55, an Umno Supreme Council member, won the Kenering seat in 1977 when his late father Tan Sri Mohamed Ghazali Jawi vacated the seat after resigning as the Menteri Besar.

In his speech, Tajol asked the Perak State Development Corporation to build more low-cost houses here and improve the infrastructure.

"If possible the nearby lake should be made a recreation or commercial fishing centre to attract tourists here," he said.

The housing project consists of 16 units of semi-detached units, 86 terrace houses, 56 cluster units and two units of shoplots.

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