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TOLL ISSUE CLOSED WITH PM'S EXPLANATION- SAMY VELLU

SEREMBAN, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Works Minister Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said tonight the toll issue is now closed following the explanation given to the people by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"There is nothing for me to add to what the Prime Minister had already said at length," he told reporters who approached him when he arrived to attend a Tamil cultural dance here.

"The Prime Minister has spoken, we abide by what he had said," Samy Vellu added.

Dr Mahathir earlier announced that the toll for use of the Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong (LDP) had been reduced from RM1.50 to RM1 and for private cars using the North-South Highway the toll rate had been increased by 0.75 sen per kilometre, effective after the Chinese New Year.

Samy Vellu also announced that the Works Ministry had obtained an allocation of RM15 million from the Finance Ministry to extend the Seremban-Port Dickson Highway up to Telok Kemang,

He said he had discussed this matter with Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad yesterday.

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