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WORKS MINISTRY TO ENSURE SMOOTH RUNNING OF PROJECTS

KANGAR, May 7 (Bernama) -- The Works Ministry will ensure that every project entrusted to it is implemented according to schedule.

Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today the ministry had a huge responsibility to implement the thousands of projects worth RM3.6 billion annually.

So far, it had spent 10 per cent of the allocation, he said when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive to all ministers to attend the twice-weekly meetings with their senior officials to keep tabs on the progress of development projects under their ministries.

He said progress reports on projects under the ministry were made to the Cabinet monthly.

Samy Vellu warned contractors that they would be dropped if they did not implement projects according to schedule and this would affect national development and the people's interest.

He also directed the Public Works Department to speed up the processing of tenders so that projects could take off quickly.

He expressed satisfaction with the progress of the construction of the 20km stretch of the Kuala Perlis-Changloon highway which he inspected here today.

The RM254 million project which started on Aug 15, 1977, was now 50 per cent completed and was expected to be ready on Aug 14 next month, he said.

The highway, the first in Perlis, will have 15 bridges and will link up with the North-South Highway at Changloon, Kedah.

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