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Samy Vellu-Commuter

KTMB COMMUTER SERVICE UP TO BATU CAVES

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- A dual-track will be laid between Sentul and Batu Caves for the extension of the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTMB) commuter train service, said Works Minister Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu.

Batu Caves, a tourist attraction, is also of religious significance to Hindus.

"A commuter train station will be built in Batu Caves," he told reporters after attending the Thaipusam celebration in Batu Caves here today.

"A private company has been given the job of laying the track."

The KTMB commuter service is currently between Port Klang and Sentul and between Rawang and Seremban.

On the proposal for Thaipusam Day to be made a public holiday throughout the country, Samy Vellu, who is MIC president, said it had been submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Dr Mahathir has advised MIC to approach straight states which have yet to declare Thaipusam Day a public holiday," he said.

Thaipusam Day is a public holiday in Selangor, Pulau Pinang, Perak, Negeri Sembilan and Johor.

Samy Vellu said he would discuss with the state governments of Melaka, Kedah and Pahang soon on declaring Thaipusam Day a public holiday.

He also said a 100-room hostel and a cable car project have been planned for Batu Caves.

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