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Ministry to get road projects in India

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Works Ministry is in the final stages of negotiating the construction of five roads and a water supply project in Cochin, which is in the Indian State of Kerala.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the Construction Industry Development Board would undertake the development of these projects as soon as a letter of intent was received from the Kerala State Government.

He was speaking to reporters after talks with visiting Kerala Chief Minister E.K. Nayanar yesterday.

Nayanar, who was accompanied by the Kerala Minister for Public Works P.J. Joseph and Kerala Public Works Department principal secretary Babu Jacob, is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Putrajaya tomorrow.

Samy Vellu said Malaysia had enjoyed a good working relationship with Kerala in the past.

"We will be looking into other viable development projects," he said.

Nayanar said Kerala would continue to maintain a close working relationship with Malaysia.

"We, on our part hope more and more Malaysians will undertake other development projects in Kerala.

"We believe they have the expertise and experience to handle big projects," he added.

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