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TUN DAIM WILL ANNOUNCE IF THERE'S BONUS, SAYS SHAFIE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- There is a possibility of the government giving bonus or allowance to civil servants this year, said Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Shafie Mohd Salleh today.

"Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin will make the announcement if the government decides to pay the bonus.

"This is a big issue...let Tun Daim make the decision," he said when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement in Shah Alam yesterday on the matter.

Speaking to reporters at the Parliament lobby, Shafie said the announcement could be very soon.

"I cannot disclose anything...God willing there may be bonus," he said.

Dr Mahathir had said yesterday that Tun Daim was considering the possibility of giving bonus or other allowance to civil servants.

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