

Explain govt policies clearly, ministry told

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Information Ministry, through RTM, must improve its approach in disseminating information, especially on government policies to the people, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said it was important that government policies were explained clearly to the people so that they would not be

wrongly interpreted.

He said people would be confused if government policies were not properly explained to them.

“For example, when we introduced the New Economic Policy in 1970 to reduce poverty and ensure equal distribution of the country’s wealth, there were all kinds of interpretations.

“This policy, in a sense, is dis-

criminatory in nature. So if it was not properly explained, people would get the impression that it was unfair,” he said during his official working visit to Angkasapuri yesterday.

He said if the government had failed to explain clearly the NEP, people would have looked at it negatively based on the perspective of certain groups of people who said

that it benefited only a few.

Dr Mahathir said it was the duty of the ministry and RTM to clear any confusion by explaining clearly government policies, especially those which had the potential of being misinterpreted.

Dr Mahathir also urged RTM to always maintain a balanced way of disseminating information and avoid presenting one-sided views.