

08/10/2001

Cuepacs wants PSD to resolve NRS issue by year-end or face action

A. Hafiz Yatim

MALACCA, Sun. - Cuepacs wants the Government to resolve the issue of the New Remuneration Scheme by the year's end or it will take "drastic actions" including holding pickets.

Secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said studies done by Cuepacs showed that almost 85 per cent of its members disagreed with the metric and the promotion system that had been in place since the early 1990s.

He said a resolution was passed during the recent convention asking the Government, in particular the Public Service Department, to resolve the issue by the end of the year.

"In the resolution, we also agreed that failing this, Cuepacs would take drastic actions within the laws including holding pickets.

"However, Cuepacs is confident that an agreement would be reached with the PSD as we do not want to project an unfavourable image of the public sector."

Speaking at a dinner to celebrate Peninsular Malaysia Technical Services Union's 23rd anniversary here last night, Abdul Rahman said the present NRS system had no accountability and led to abuse of power in the promotion exercise.

"I hope the PSD would see to it that something is worked out, as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the matter resolved amicably," he said.

On Cuepacs seeking a two-month bonus from the Government, Abdul Rahman said although the proposal had yet to be handed to the Prime Minister, "we are glad that the secretary-general to the Finance Ministry Tan Sri Shamsuddin Hitam is prepared to evaluate it".

"The civil servants are not asking a two-month bonus every year. However, we want the Government to consider whether this is feasible based upon the current financial standing of the country," he said.

He also said Cuepacs was submitting the proposal following Dr Mahathir's statement that monies were not being spent, and furthermore the bonuses could be spent on books and similar expenditures.