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CUEPACS GIVES CLARIFICATION TO DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs, the umbrella union for public sector employees, has written a letter to the Prime Minister on its proposal that the facility for medical examination for civil servants reaching the age of 40, be extended to the support group.

Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan, in a statement here today, said the congress clarified to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad why the facility, which was now enjoyed by officers in the Management and Professional group, should be given to the Support Group I and II.

The letter dated Dec 31, 2001 also expressed the hope that the government could consider the matter immediately.

The facility for medical examination is provided according to Service Circular No. 20, 1969 dated Oct 28 and No. 5, 1996 dated March 26, 1976.

According to Abdul Rahman, the proposal was carried by Cuepacs during the Ninth Meeting of the National Joint Council (NJC) for General Workers in the Support Group on July 6 in Port Dickson.

"Following the discussions, the JPA (Public Service Department), Treasury and Health Ministry agreed to study the proposal to extend the facility for medical examination to public service employees in the support group.

"However, to date Cuepacs has yet to receive a decision from the government," he said.

Meanwhile, in a separate media statement, Cuepacs described the proposal by the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) that the government speed up the process of absorbing more than 800,000 civil servants into the Social Security Organisation's (Socso) Protection Scheme as irrelevant.

The issue had been raised by MTUC president Senator Zainal Rampak.

Abdul Rahman said this was because the government had already agreed that the existing Ex-Gratia Scheme for public employees be upgraded so that it would be similar to the benefits provided under the Socso Scheme.

He said the government had already implemented the new Ex-Gratia Scheme according to the Treasury Circular No. 7, 2001 and he urged civil servants involved in accidents or wishing to make claims to refer to the circular.

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