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GOVERNMENT TO KEEP TRACK OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED WITH PMS2

PUTRAJAYA, May 8 (Bernama) -- The Project Monitoring System 2 (PMS2), with the use of a network of computers, will enable the government to keep track of projects implemented, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the form of development taking place, even in the most remote of places, could be monitored using the PMS2.

"There are projects that have not taken off despite being approved and funding made available," he said in opening the district officers' national conference and the launching of PMS2 here today.

"There is no report nor feedback on the progress of these projects but with this new system, the government will get the information immediately and any delay can be looked into."

Dr Mahathir said the Federal government will get the information even from the district level instantly with the system.

Those on the ground, on the other hand, could find out if a particular project proposed has been approved or otherwise.

Dr Mahathir called on district officers and development officers to expedite the payment to contractors for work undertaken.

He said development projects must be implemented with proper planning.

He also wanted the disbursement of the additional RM3 billion to the 2001 Budget to be expedited.

"The money will be spent wisely and efficiently to stimulate economic growth. We have less than seven months to make use of this additional allocation," said Dr Mahathir.

He said the government's new on-line approach in monitoring projects implemented has the same function like the existing operations room system.

"Allocations for a particular year should be made use of within the year itself as any delay will only increase the development cost," he said.

"A project scheduled for a particular year must be implemented in that year itself."

Dr Mahathir also urged district officers to improve their computer and financial management skills.

"The monitoring system will not succeed if the officer at the other end did not input the data on a particular project into the computer system," he said.

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