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School Bus

SCHOOL BUS FARE REVIEW MAY BE AFTER FOUR OR FIVE YEARS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- The Entrepreneur Development Ministry may propose that school bus fare be fixed for a four or five-year period before being reviewed for a possible increase.

Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) had completed an initial study on the proposal and had forwarded it to the relevant ministries to obtain their feedback and views.

"We've not decided yet but there is a likelihood that's what going to happen in the future," he told reporters after reading a story for blind children at the Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) building here.

"The proposal will be taken up with the Cabinet after we've received feedback from the various ministries. Any increase will have to be approved by the Cabinet," he said when asked to comment on the memorandum by the Federal Association of School Bus Operators to his ministry recently requesting for an increase in fare.

The association had cited increase in maintenance costs, petrol and tyres as reasons for its request to raise fare.

At present school bus fare in urban areas is RM16 for every first kilometre and RM1.20 for every extra kilometre.

The story reading, a regular session, was organised by Umno Civil Action Bureau and Puteri Umno. Also present was Putri Umno protem head Azalina Othman Said.

Last week Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took time off from his busy schedule to read a story for blind children at the MAB building.

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