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### Senators seek threefold increase in allowance

WITH Budget 2001 focused on domestic spending, Senators are requesting a threefold increase in their allowance from RM100,000 to RM300,000 for their three-year term.

Senators Club president Datuk Dr T. Marimuthu, while debating the Budget which was earlier tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said with the extra allowance they too could do their part to spur the economy.

He said the Government had taken various steps to increase the income of the people so that they would spend to boost the economy.

"However, it would defeat the purpose if the people saved the money instead of spending like what has happened in Japan."

"But I am confident that people would spend as Hari Raya, Christmas, New Year and Chinese New Year are around the corner."

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