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TERENGGANU GOVT TO GIVE BONUS AND PAY INCREASE

KUALA TERENGGANU, 24 Okt (Bernama) -- The Terengganu government will give a bonus and 10 per cent pay rise to state civil servants but the payment date has not been fixed.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said today the state government needed RM14.4 million for the salary increase and would discuss the matter with the federal government through the Finance Ministry.

"We have decided to be in line with what the federal government does (but) the question of when (payment will be made) will be decided by the financial authorities," he told reporters after chairing the weekly state executive council meeting here.

He said this when asked to comment on a statement by state secretary Datuk Senara Muda Mazlan Hashim that giving a bonus and pay rise would pose difficulty because of financial constraints.

He said Terengganu would not be burdened if it got an allocation from the federal government.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced a half-month bonus or at least RM1,000 and a 10 per cent pay increase for civil servants when tabling the 2002 Budget in the Dewan Rakyat last Friday.

Asked whether the bonus for Terengganu government servants would be paid before Hari Raya, Abdul Hadi said: "That I cannot promise now."

He also said that the Terengganu government's budget would be tabled at the state assembly sitting on Nov 11.

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