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VOTERS' IC NUMBERS NOT FOUND IN NRD RECORDS WILL BE REJECTED, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today people registering as voters will have their registration rejected by the computer if their identity card numbers are not found in the National Registration Department (NRD) records.

"If a person wants to register as a voter but if his identity card number is not recorded in the NRD's data base, the computer will reject the registration," the prime minister said in his written reply to Senator Nosimah Hashim at the Dewan Negara.

Dr Mahathir said the Election Commission had started on-line registration with the NRD.

On polling day in an election, the commission would use the NRD officers' expertise to detect if voters had doubtful documents, he said.

He said the commission had constantly made efforts to resolve the phantom voters' issue by conducting thorough verification with the NRD since last year to ascertain the citizenship status of every registered voter.

Voters whose citizenship status was suspect, their names or identity card numbers are not found in the NRD records would be struck out from the electoral roll, he said.

This enabled the electoral roll to be updated in line with Regulation 19 of the Election Procedures (Voter Registration) 1971 to ensure the phantom voters' issue would not recur, he added.

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