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clauses to prohibit sale of contracts

IPOH, Mon: DAP today urged the government to add certain clauses prohibiting contractors from selling their contracts.

These contractors must be made to complete the projects themselves.

DAP deputy secretary-general M. Kulasegaran said there must also be proper supervision throughout the construction period.

“A board, comprising members from different segments of the society, should be set up to monitor (the progress of such projects) in the interest of the public,” he told *The Sun* here today.

He said the government should only award contracts to those with good track records.

Instead of handing out contracts to individuals, he said, the government should consider giving them to state Malay contractors' associations, which are more responsible.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had blamed the failure to complete the construction of computer laboratories for schools in the peninsula on the practice of bumiputra contractors selling their contracts to others.

He was commenting on a news report yesterday on the failure of contractors to complete the construction of nearly 85% of the projects, despite the Education Ministry extending the completion period three times for four main contractors.

Mahathir also said projects were always abandoned when they involved bumiputra contractors because many of them prefer to sell their contracts to third parties who would then sell them to fourth and even fifth parties for quick gains.