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ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SIMPANG PULAI-TANAH RATA HIGHWAY

IPOH, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Additional funds have been approved for the construction of the Simpang Pulai-Cameron Highlands Highway currently under construction, Works Minister Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said.

The Works Ministry received an additional RM200 million in the Budget for next year presented by Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad two days ago, he said after attending a fund raising dinner for the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology here last night.

Samy Vellu also said that the RM887 million special allocation for rural development projects under the Budget would be distributed fairly to help Class F Bumiputera contractors.

The MIC president also said he would submit a proposal to the Finance Ministry requesting for funds to upgrade 15 Tamil schools nationwide as only one school in Kuala Lumpur received an allocation under the new budget for the purpose.

"Following my request, the Prime Minister asked me to prepare a proposal and I will submit it soon," he added.

On the accident-prone Jelapang toll plaza of the North-South Highway near here, Samy Vellu said Projek Lebuh raya Utara-Selatan (Plus) had submitted four proposals to the ministry during a meeting on Wednesday.

He said the ministry would study the proposals before making a decision on how to reduce the accident rate at the stretch.

Samy Vellu, however, declined to say if Plus had proposed to shift the plaza to another place.

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