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CUEPACS WANTS ASSURANCE ON HEALTH SCHEME

IPOH, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs wants an assurance from the Government that the proposed national health insurance scheme will be well managed and the people's interest will be given top priority.

Its president Datuk N.Siva Subramaniam said that Cuepacs welcomed the establishment of such a scheme but wanted it to be discussed thoroughly before being implemented.

"If not properly done, many civil servants will be affected and the people will be denied good health care," he said after attending the Kolej Utara's Deepavali Night here.

He was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement on Oct 11 that a national health insurance scheme was needed as the Government would not be able to continue providing funds due to the escalating cost of health care.

Siva said the Government must ensure the people were given proper explanation as it should not become a burden to them after being implemented.

He said people had been enjoying free and good medical care for a long time and were now worried that they would lose this privilege in the future with the national health insurance scheme in place.

"One reason why the present Government is popular is due to the free medical care. If the health scheme is not properly managed, it will have some repercussions on the Government," he added.

Siva said the people should come forward and give their response and ideas to the Government so that a scheme that benefited everyone could be developed.

However, Siva said the Government must ensure it had full control and say in the running of the scheme and not let the private sector run it on its own.

"We also want people's representatives in the body running the scheme so that the interest of the ordinary people will be taken care of," he added.

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