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Easier inter-State car registration

KOTA BARU, Mon. - The Road Transport Department is simplifying the process for car buyers from one State to apply for vehicle registration numbers of another State.

Under the proposed hassle-free arrangement, the application can be done at any RTD office.

At present, those who want their cars to bear registration numbers of another State have to take the vehicles to the RTD office of that particular State. The public have complained that this is inconvenient.

RTD director-general Datuk Dr Mohd Shahar Sidek said today a decision had been made for the implementation of this new procedure, but the date had yet to be fixed.

"For example, a person buys a car in Kota Baru, but wants a Perlis registration number.

"At present, the car buyer has to take the car to Perlis and register it there. Soon, this can be done at any RTD office," he said after visiting the Pusat Pemeriksaan Kenderaan Berkomputer Sdn Bhd (Puspakom) outlet in Pengkalan Chepa.

The move, Mohd Shahar said, would make it easier for the public to deal with the department.

He said as a service-oriented department, the RTD would continue to find ways to speed up its services in line with the electronic-government concept promoted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"When we accept this as a philosophy, we see many aspects of our services that can be sped up and simplified through the use of information and communication technology," he said.

On the move to introduce a tamper-proof black box for express and tour buses, Mohd Shahar said the RTD would ensure that the switch from the conventional black box would not financially burden bus companies.

"I believe the supplier and bus companies can work out ways to minimise cost," he said.

It was reported today that the RTD would make it compulsory for bus companies to use the new black box, which is easy to install and remove.

Mohd Shahar said the RTD would continue to monitor the operations of Puspakom to ensure high quality service and to check irregularities. "If all the rules and regulations are followed by Puspakom, then ...our roads will be safer."