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SAMY VELLU TO DISCUSS DECISIONS ON AILING PROJECTS WITH PM

KUALA KLAWANG, May 21 (Bernama) -- Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu will discuss with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad the need for consensus over decisions on termination of contracts for uncompleted projects.

"I will discuss the matter with the Prime Minister (in his capacity as Finance Minister) and get his endorsement that decisions of the Committee on ailing projects be maintained," the minister said in response to a statement by Treasury secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Samsudin Hitam who called for all ministries to be empowered to terminate contracts for projects not completed on schedule.

He was speaking to the media after officiating the ground-breaking for the upgrading of the Jalan Seremban-Kuala Klawang and Kuala Klawang-Simpang Pertang roads here.

Also present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Jelebu Member of Parliament, Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and State Executive Councillor Datuk Lilah Yassin who represented Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad.

Samy Vellu said the committee had issued reminders to contractors who failed to complete projects on time, before terminating them.

The relevant parties, he said, usually agreed with the decision by the committee and would seek more capable contractors to take over the projects and to complete them as scheduled.

The minister said the number of contractors who failed to deliver was less than five per cent.

On the upgrading project, Samy Vellu said the Jalan Seremban-Kuala Klawang project would cost RM40 million while the Jalan Kuala Klawang-Simpang Pertang project would cost RM17 million.

The Jalan Seremban-Kuala Klawang stretch is scheduled for completion in October 2003, while the Jalan Kuala Klawang-Simpang Pertang stretch is scheduled to be completed by September 2004.

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