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PSD TO SUBMIT REPORT SOON TO PM ON SECOND SSB STUDY

PUTRAJAYA, March 21 (Bernama) -- The Public Service Department (PSD) will submit its report soon to the Prime Minister on its second review of the civil servants New Remuneration Scheme (SSB), Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman said today.

The PSD began the review in the middle of last year following discussions with the Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs).

Samsudin said the PSD had submitted its preliminary report on the SSB review on Jan 31 to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Public Sector Employees' Salaries and Posts.

"On the suggestion of the Prime Minister, certain matters are being reviewed and this will need to be discussed between the PSD and Cuepacs," he said when opening the biennial conference of the National Joint Council (Staff Side) for the Support Group here.

Samsudin said he understood Cuepacs had put forward a second set of counter proposals to the PSD which was being studied by the department.

"I believe the PSD will complete the review soon and discuss it again with Cuepacs before presenting the report to the Prime Minister for consideration by the Government," he said.

Speaking to reporters, Samsudin said the report would be submitted within this year.

The review covered issues which posed problems to workers and those that could improve civil servants' service.

It also involved the additional proposal by Cuepacs that the SSB be renamed "Sistem Saraan Awam Malaysia" (SSAM), provision of quarters for support group staff in urban areas and a mechanism to hear civil servants' appeals.

On the NJC, Samsudin commended the council for its role as the support group staff's representatives in discussions with the government as the employer.

Meanwhile Cuepacs President Datuk Siva Subramaniam was confident that something good for all civil servants would be announced soon.

He said the study was taking sometime as it involved a number of aspects such as seeking alternatives to provisions in the existing system.

He said trade unions should be more active in attracting new members.

This was because of the attempts by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) to take over the role of trade unions, he added.

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