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SET UP GOOD GOVERNANCE PANEL TO CHECK GRAFT, STATE GOVTS TOLD

PUTRAJAYA, March 30 (Bernama) -- Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman today called on state governments and district offices to set up good governance committees to check corrupt practices among civil servants.

At present, the committees only exist at the Cabinet and federal department levels, he said.

"We hope similar committees will be established at state and district levels," he said when asked to comment on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that government employees should reject corruption.

Dr Mahathir, in a dialogue with government employees in Selangor yesterday, urged civil servants to adopt a corruption-free practice in their daily work to ensure a smooth and efficient government administration.

The main aim of forming the committees was to boost civil servants' work quality to facilitate the public in their transactions with government departments and agencies, Samsudin told reporters after receiving the 2002 guidebook on the Public Services Department (PSD) from its Director-General Datuk Seri Jamaluddin Ahmad Damanhuri, here.

He also said department heads should organise seminars and ceramahs on a regular basis in efforts to imbue noble values among government employees.

Samsuddin said the PSD's initiative to publish guidebooks on its service procedures was the best example of good governance practices in the civil service.

The 2002 PSD guidebook issued free to the public has information on government examination, disciplinary action, scholarship and promotion in the public sector.

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