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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu will make a week-long visit to four states in India beginning tomorrow in a bid to seal more projects for Malaysian companies led by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB).

His visit will take him to Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Samy Vellu, who is currently in New Delhi to attend the Global Diaspora Conference which ends today, will fly tomorrow to Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand in north-eastern India, to discuss few projects with the Chief Minister, Babu Lal Marandi.

Among the projects are the construction of a new federal administrative city modelled along Putrajaya. The trip to Jharkhand is a follow-up to the visit by its Chief Minister to Malaysia last month.

In Kerala, Samy Vellu will hold talks with the Chief Minister, A.K. Antony (RPT Antony), among others, on the upgrading work of the 58km Sabarimala Expressway and the Cochin Water Supply Scheme.

Samy Vellu will also address the Global Investors Meet 2003 in Cochin City.

In Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu, he will hold talks with its Chief Minister, J. Jayalalitha, on the construction of the new administrative centre and the Marina Sea Shore Development projects, among others.

Samy Vellu is scheduled to return home on Jan 19.

Malaysian companies are involved in construction projects in India valued at RM11.6 billion.

India continued to be Malaysia's largest trading partner in South Asia with total bilateral trade for the first six months of last year amounting to RM4,171 million or US\$1,098 million.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last visited India on Oct 16 and 17 last year.

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