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HEALTH MINISTRY TO RESOLVE MANIPAL MEDIC STUDENTS ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has directed the Health Ministry to resolve the problem faced by Manipal Medical College students over the new conditions set by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC), Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said the prime minister gave the directive to Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng during the Cabinet meeting today.

"The prime minister directed Datuk Chua to resolve the issue amicably," he told reporters at his office here.

Samy Vellu, who is also MIC president, said he had earlier raised with the Cabinet the plight of the students, who are now facing problems following the MMC's setting of new conditions for the recognition of degrees offered by Manipal.

According a press report, more than 1,000 students of the college were in a dilemma following the MMC's action.

The report also quoted Samy Vellu as saying that THE MMC should have outlined the conditions before the Education Ministry approved the college.

Samy Vellu said that at the Cabinet meeting, Dr Mahathir also promised to personally look into the issue of only one Indian student being given a place for a medical degree at Universiti Malaya in the latest intake.

Samy Vellu said that he and the MIC fully supported the meritocracy system and wanted it to continue.

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