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LOW PRIORITY PROJECTS TO BE DELAYED - SAMY VELLU

SUNGAI SIPUT, June 14 (Bernama) -- The Works Ministry has identified several low priority projects that can be postponed, said its minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

The list of projects had been submitted to the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) in the Prime Minister's Department for their perusal, he said.

Many projects, costing billions of ringgit, for which funds had been allocated were revoked as they were not on the ministry's priority list, he said.

"Projects that were given priority by the ministry has been discussed at the ministry level. The list has also been sent to the EPU," he told reporters after attending a special meeting for village heads at the Kampung Jalong community hall, Sungai Siput here today.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad directed state governments to stop approving unnecessary property development projects, unless they were viable.

Asked about the memorandum of understanding - between Malaysia and Turkey's Works and Transport Minister Binali Yildirim to establish bilateral cooperation in energy and water sectors - Samy Vellu said eight projects would be implemented under the agreement.

"Syarikat Ranhill was selected as the main contractor for the projects together with the Construction Industries and Development Board that will manage the implementation of the projects," said Samy Vellu who is the Member of Parliament for Sungai Siput.

Samy Vellu said he would be visiting Turkey next month to discuss the agreement further.

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