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Ministry to hold meeting on water supply

SUNGAI SIPUT, Sat. - The Works Ministry will hold a meeting soon to get feedback on the water supply situation in all States.

Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said state secretaries, state executive councillors in charge of water, directors and general managers of water authorities would attend the meeting.

"We want information, such as the problems faced by the water authorities. A report will be prepared and submitted to the National Water Council meeting to be chaired by the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad)," he said after meeting 36 village heads in the Sungai Siput parliamentary constituency at Kampung Jalung near here today.

On Thursday, Dr Mahathir said state governments had been asked to review whether they wanted to continue to be responsible for water supply. He said the cost of developing infrastructure, including the construction of new treatment plants, was enormous and resulted in state governments having to borrow from the Federal Government.