

Minimum wage policy to consider all factors
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The proposed minimum wage policy, to be tabled to the cabinet next month, will take into consideration all factors and issues, Human Resources Minister Dr S Subramaniam said.

He said among the issues were the increase in basic income of workers, the need to ensure productivity and availability of jobs as well as to ensure it would not affect the inflow of foreign investment.

"We need to take all factors and issues into consideration in coming up with a policy suitable for the country," he told media at a news conference prior to launching a Tamil audio CD called 'Kaithi' near Shah Alam last night.

He said the ministry would move forward in implementing the proposed minimum wage policy after getting directives from the cabinet.

On the call for the control of Tamil movies which contained elements of gangsterism, Dr Subramaniam, who is MIC vice-president, said he believed that not everyone who watched violent films would become violent because there were other more complicated factors involved.

"Violence is shown not only in Tamil movies but in other films as well. If you control Tamil movies showcasing violence, that doesn't mean that there won't be violence in other films.

"The reason why certain people behave in a certain way is multifactorial, and film plays only a small part," he said.

Subramaniam said he believed that the censorship board would monitor such movies.

He also said that he would bring up views concerning violence in Tamil movies to the Information Communication and Culture Ministry and censorship board because "what is shown on films, sometimes occurs on the ground."

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