

# No need to review electoral laws: Nazri

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THERE is no need to review the electoral legislation and revamp the Election Commission (EC) because they still function effectively, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohd Nazri Abdul Aziz said.

"The government has no plan to set up a body to study whether to revamp the electoral laws which have enabled the EC to carry out its work efficiently," he said in reply to a question from

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**Datuk Kamarudin Jaffar (PAS-Tumpat):**

Nazri said the EC, based on current electoral laws, has been recognised internationally.

"But if there were any suggestions from the EC, we would welcome the commission to make a presentation to the government," he said.

There have been calls from civil society and opposition parties to revamp the electoral system which, they say, is marred by discrepancies.

Answering a supplementary question from **M. Kulasegaran (DAP-Ipoh Barat)**, Nazri said allegations that the electoral laws were unfair could not be

substantiated as the Barisan Nasional government had, in election history, lost power in Kelantan and Terengganu.

"Don't say the system is good when you win but that it is bad when you lose. If there were discrepancies in the system, how could that happen (losing Kelantan and Terengganu in 1999)?"

He said the government did not wish to administer the government by manipulating the electoral system.

"I believe that in Malaysia we don't do that (manipulating the electoral system)," he said.

"We don't want to be a fake government. We govern in accordance with the wishes of the people.

Nazri said the government also had no plan to implement electronic voting or the thumbprint system because these were open to abuses.



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