



Anwar being greeted by Finance Ministry staff in Putrajaya yesterday.
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PM unhappy with slow implementation of repair work projects

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim voiced dissatisfaction over the slow pace of implementation of small projects such as the repair of dilapidated schools and health clinics, and wanted them to be expedited.

He said the government had in November last year announced that all dilapidated schools and clinics should be repaired and the work completed this year.

He added that work on the projects is, however, not satisfactory, especially at the level involving district offices.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the disbursement of funds for small projects should be expedited.

He added that schools without toilets or with leaking roofs cannot wait two years for repair works to be carried out.

He was speaking during a Finance Ministry staff assembly

here yesterday.

Anwar said he had discussed with Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi for small projects to be excluded from the scope of duties of the Public Works Department, which is currently burdened with thousands of projects.

He said he had suggested that small projects be handed over to the relevant departments and ministries, especially at the district office level to speed up

their implementation.

Anwar said a meeting regarding delegation of power on the implementation of small projects to district offices, to be attended by district officers from all states, would be held in Sungai Petani, Kedah, on Saturday.

The prime minister also said there should not be any malpractice, such as fraud, stealing of money and taking of commissions. - Bernama