

**Parliament: RM270 Million Channelled To 370 Government Aided SJKT**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- A total of RM270 million had been allocated to 370 Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil (SJKT) which are government-aided schools (SBK), the Dewan Rakyat was told Thursday.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong said of the total, RM100 million was a supplementary allocation announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak when tabling the 2012 Budget, and would be disbursed beginning next month.

He said that since Najib became Prime Minister, and his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin led the Education Ministry, four major allocations had been channelled to SJKT with SBK status.

"Based on average calculation, each SJKT receives RM729,000 for development only," he said when replying to a supplementary question from Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud (PAS-Kota Raja) who wanted to know the measures taken by the ministry to elevate the status of SJKT to a government school (SK).

On the conversion of the status of 370 SJKT to SK, Wee said it depended on the choice of the schools concerned and the ministry could not exert any pressure.

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