

Minimum Wage: Poverty Line Index, Medium Wage Taken Into Account
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PUTRAJAYA, April 30 (Bernama) -- Two important aspects that were taken into account by the Human Resources Ministry Technical Committee in its study pertaining to minimum wage are in terms of poverty line index and medium wage.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Dr S.Subramaniam said the study on the poverty line index, which refers to the level of income needed by workers, and medium wage, which refers to the salary the employer is willing to pay, was made to determine the base line criteria in setting the minimum wage.

He said the study was then made based on three other factors, namely the Consumer Price Index, worker's productivity and the impact to the unemployment rate.

"The ministry's technical committee, as well as the World Bank, have been searching for a suitable formula to set the minimum wage.

"What was proposed by the committee was not the result of emotional perception or political agenda. It was based on strong financial indicators," he said this during a meeting with members of the media here Monday.

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