

BN Government Has Never Neglected Tamil Schools, Says Devamany
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PUTRAJAYA, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- The government of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has never marginalised or neglected national type Tamil schools in the country, said Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk S.K. Devamany.

Hitting out at the opposition Pakatan Rakyat for raising the issue of Tamil schools for political interest, he said the Barisan Nasional (BN) government continued to ensure that Tamil schools were no less important than national schools and national type Chinese schools.

"Pakatan Rakyat leaders have no issue other than Tamil schools and temples. They are trying to win over the Indian community with these. Wherever they go, they accuse the BN government of according unfair treatment and neglecting Tamil schools.

"These accusations are baseless and lies. The people know what the BN government is doing to develop Tamil schools. The prime minister himself has given the assurance that the government would continue to develop Tamil schools," he said in a statement.

Devamany, who is an MIC vice-president, said the government through Community Chest, an independent charitable organisation, had distributed RM9.139 million to 47 Tamil schools nationwide, even in states held by the opposition.

He also said that the government had approved the construction of six national type Tamil primary schools which he added would be built in Taman Keladi, Sungai Petani, Kedah; Heawood Estate, Sungai Siput, Perak; Taman Sentosa, Klang, Selangor; Taman PJS1, Petaling Jaya, Selangor; Bandar Mahkota, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur,; and Bandar Seri Alam, Masai, Johor.

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