

Parliament: No Plan To Abolish Special Allowance For Teachers Serving In Rural Areas
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- The special allowance for teachers who serve in rural schools will be continued although many areas are now well-equipped with infrastructures, Deputy Education Minister Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi told the Dewan Rakyat, Thursday.

"There is no plan to abolish this allowance for P1, P2 or P3 although there are places such as P1 which already have infrastructure such as roads. They are still receiving the allowance and there is no intention to abolish it as there are still many schools in the rural areas," he said in reply to a supplementary question from Datuk Raime Unggi (BN-Tenom).

Presently, teachers who serve in the P1 category receive RM500 special allowance, P2 (RM1,000) and P3 (RM1,500).

He added that as at last Sept 30, a total of 31,165 of the 34,952 teachers serving in Sabah were Sabahans, with 20,286 and 10,879 of them teaching in primary and secondary schools respectively.

As for principals he said, 191 out of the 214 principals serving in Sabah were Sabahans and in the primary schools, 968 of the 1,070 headmasters are Sabahans.

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