

**Explanation on GST for People at 134 parliamentary Constituencies – Ahmad Maslan  
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KOTA BAHARU, June 8 (Bernama) -- The government will embark on the second phase of the briefing sessions to explain the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and its implementation to the people in 134 parliamentary constituencies nationwide soon.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan said four briefing sessions would be held in each parliamentary constituencies, which would be organised by the Malaysian Customs Department and local community leaders.

"We will try to hold as many briefings as possible before Ramadan," he told reporters after appearing as guest in a talkshow on KelantanFM radio here, Sunday.

Ahmad said the briefings would be given by federal and state customs officers with cooperation from the Finance Ministry.

"We want key community leaders, such as village heads and those with influence, to be briefed first, so that they can explain it to others," he said.

The deputy minister also advised the public to visit the GST portal for more information of the new taxation system.

"We hope the public will be more proactive in seeking information because all information on the system can be found in the portal.

"We will also use radio, television, newspapers and billboards to explain about GST to the people out there," he said.

The GST with a fixed rate of six per cent will be implemented on April 1 next year to replace current sales and services tax with a rate of up to 16 per cent.

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