

No civil servants took part in anti-GST rallies, says Shahidan
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Putrajaya has not received any reports to date on the alleged involvement of civil servants in rallies protesting the goods and services tax (GST), Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today.

But, the minister in the prime minister's department was quoted as saying by Bernama that the issue was being constantly monitored by the heads of departments to ensure that officers under their jurisdiction complied with existing regulations.

"Although there have been claims in the media alleging the involvement of civil servants in the assembly, up till now, none of the parties appeared to have made a formal report to the Public Service Department head or the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP).

"This report is important to ensure that any disciplinary proceeding that will be initiated is based on facts and can be proven," he said in a written reply to Lim Lip Eng (DAP-Segambut) in Parliament today.

Bernama also reported that Lim wanted the statistics of civil servants who had been dismissed since 2010, going by the year, race and name of the agencies.

Shahidan said 4,244 civil servants were dismissed between 2010 and last year. Offences included violation of code of conduct, absence from duty, and drug offences, and not due to participating in illegal assemblies.

He said of the total dismissed, 3,892 were Malays, 39 Chinese, 164 Indians and 149 (Others).

Shahidan added that the top five agencies involved were the health, home and education ministries, RMP and the Prime Minister's Department.– June 18, 2014.

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