

## **36.9 per cent of pupils do not have electronic devices - Radzi Jidin**

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PUTRAJAYA: About 36.9 per cent of pupils nationwide do not have any electronic devices.

This was made clear by the Minister of Education, Dr Mohd Radzi Md Jidin, after his ministry conducted a survey on Teaching and Learning (PnP) online.

From the findings, only six per cent of pupils had personal computers, tablets (5.67 percent), laptops (nine percent) and smartphones (46 percent).

"This online access has its own limitations. We at the Ministry of Education (KPM) have conducted a survey involving 670,000 parents with a total of 900,000 pupils.

"From the survey, we found that the ownership of hardware or electronic devices to enable teaching and learning (PnP) to be carried out at home is quite limited.

"About 36.9 per cent of all pupils do not have any devices. But if we mix all the percentages (which have devices) we will find that more than 50 per cent of pupils have more than one device," he said.

Dr Mohd Radzi said despite the challenges, he is looking into the best way to deal with the obstacles.

In addition to the devices, internet speed is also one of the main issues that students face during the home-based PnP process after the Movement Control Order (MCO) came into force since March 18.

At the same time, he also reminded teachers to take into account the constraints faced by students at home and set the best methods to be used to ensure that the learning process continues.

In the same press conference, Dr Mohd Radzi stressed that he is currently working on improving TV Pendidikan to assist students in the teaching and learning process at home.

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