

# Dr M: Indian govt can still bid for project

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Indian government can still bid for the multi-billion ringgit North-South railway double-tracking project despite announcements that two Malaysian companies had been awarded the job, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"The Indian government can still make a bid, provided their price is the same as those here who are willing to do it," he said yesterday.

He was asked to comment on the awarding of the project to Malaysian Mining Corporation Bhd and Gamuda Bhd, instead of to two consortiums led by the Indian Railway Construction Company and the China Railway Engineering Corporation.

Dr Mahathir said the Government could not offer the project to foreign companies when locals could do it at a lower price.