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A TOTAL of 160 development projects nationwide have been identified and categorised as "sick" projects and 92 of them are being monitored by the Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister's Department.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said projects are categorised as "sick" when the progress of physical work is delayed by more than 20% compared to the original or planned schedule.

Mustapa said that out of the 92 projects, 41 projects have been successfully restored according to the project implementation schedule.

"A total of 51 more projects are in the rehabilitation phase," he said in response to a question from Bukit Gantang MP Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal during the debate session in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Syed Abu Hussin raised a question on the number of government



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abandoned projects thus far this year and "white elephant" projects that have been abandoned.

According to Mustapa, a total of 6,755 projects under development expenditure were approved this year, which is the second year of the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) with an allocation of RM75.6 billion. He added that of that total, about 5,400 projects are continuation projects from the 11MP.

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with abandoned or delayed projects in their constituencies are urged to submit their problems to him in writing.

The minister said this is because MPs know more and understand better about project issues in their respective constituencies.

"Yes, we do have a monitoring system, but maybe this system is incomplete, so MPs need to become the eyes and ears of the government, so that we can ensure that

each development project runs and is completed as planned."

Commenting further, Mustapa said in order to ensure that development projects are implemented smoothly, he and the chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali are co-chairing the National Development Project Implementation Facilitation Committee to expedite the implementation of these projects. He noted that since its inception in December 2020, the committee has met 10 times and the last was on Jan 31.

Separately, Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan said the latest number of backlogs of estate distribution stands at 72,348.

He added that of the total, the highest backlog cases were recorded in Kedah with 13,423 cases, followed by Selangor (10,358) and Kelantan (7,414).

He also said for 2021, a total of 43,519 estate distribution cases with a total value of RM11.2 billion were resolved with a fee collection of RM14.5 million in revenue for the federal government.

"To solve the problem, several immediate actions have been taken.

"This includes mobilising a special task force under the appointment warrant of the Department of

the Director General of Lands and Mines (JKPTG), to assist in the trial of inheritance cases with the cooperation of the state government," he said in response to the question posed by Jerai MP Sabri Azit in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Sabri raised a question on the statistics on arrears of inheritance distribution cases by state, as well as the immediate steps to resolve the problem.

Responding to Sabri's question on the people's confusion in claiming the estate, Takiyuddin said there is no confusion in the jurisdiction of agencies tasked with resolving distribution inheritance.

He added that each agency has its own jurisdiction, including in managing the distribution of inheritance for Muslims and other religions.

"For example, the High Court civil division, with the enforcement of the Small Estate (Distribution) (Amendment) Act 2021, the jurisdiction of this court is increased to settle inheritance with a value of more than RM5 million, involving wills and others, for non-Muslims.

"As for the JKPTG, its jurisdiction is for property not more than RM5 million and Amanah Raya Bhd for property with a value of less than RM600,000," he explained.