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'160 sick projects nationwide'

92 BEING MONITORED

'160 SICK PROJECTS NATIONWIDE'

41 restored and 51 in rehabilitation, says minister

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A TOTAL of 160 development projects nationwide have been categorised as "sick" (problematic) 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 out of the 92 projects, 41 had been restored according to the project implementation schedule.

"Fifty-one more projects are in the rehabilitation phase," he said during the Ministers' Question Time at the Dewan

Rakyat here yesterday.

He was replying to a supplementary question by Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal (Bersatu-Bukit Gantang), who had wanted to know the number of abandoned government projects this year and white elephant projects that have been abandoned.

Projects are categorised as "sick" when the progress of physical work is delayed by more than 20 per cent compared with the planned schedule.

Mustapa said members of parliament who had abandoned or delayed projects in their constituencies should submit their issues to him in writing.

He said for this year, which is the second year of the 12th Malaysia Plan, 6,755 projects under development expenditure had been approved with an allocation of RM75.6 billion.

Of that total, he said 5,400 projects were projects from the 11th Malaysia Plan.



Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed

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