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Mustapa: Felda settlers' average net income up 33% to RM4,297 per month in 2021



KUALA LUMPUR (March 1): The average net income of Federal Land Development Authority (Felda) settlers in oil palm plantations had risen by about 33% in 2021, following the increase in crude palm oil (CPO) prices.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the average income of Felda settlers increased from RM3,173 per month in 2020 to RM4,297 per month last year.

"The increase in average monthly income is due to the increase in CPO price to about RM4,400 per tonne in 2021, compared to RM2,800 per tonne in 2020," he said during a written reply in Parliament on Tuesday (March 1).

He said this in response to a question by Che Alias Hamid (PAS-Kemaman) who sought clarification on the allegation that some FELDA settlers' income had not risen in line with the increase in CPO prices.

Mustapa emphasised that the uneven increase in income in all FELDA areas was due to several factors that include the implementation of the enhanced movement control order (EMCO) last year, which resulted in the temporary disruption of estate operation activities.

"Some of these FELDA schemes experienced disruption of more than 14 days due to the extended EMCO," he said.

In addition, the ban on the entry of foreign workers beginning March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic had also resulted in a serious shortage of workers, especially fruit harvesters.

"This resulted in the harvest cycle having to be reduced and there were many cases of ripe bunches of fruits not harvested," Mustapa said.