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KUALA LUMPUR: The implementation of 30 projects costing about RM100 million have been identified to be shelved, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said the move followed engagement sessions with the Finance Ministry, Works Ministry, Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and the Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister's Department and the Public Works Department (PWD) last Tuesday.

He said the projects included the construction of an integrated rubber processing centre under the Plantation Industries and Commodities Ministry, procurement of equipment to modernise workshops in the electrical field, a high-tech training centre and overseas training under the Human Resources Ministry and strategic research projects under the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

"So far, only 30 projects worth about RM100 million have been identified.

"This engagement session will continue next week, with the Finance Ministry, Works Ministry, EPU, ICU, PWD holding a meeting with all ministries," Mustapa said during question time in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

He was responding to a supplementary question from Ahmad Fahmi Mohamad Fadzil (PH-Lembah Pantai) on the number of projects that will be delayed and the amount to be saved with the move.

Mustapa said projects such as the MRT Circle Line, East Coast Rail Link Project and the Pan Borneo Highway would continue as planned.

He said the projects that would be shelved involve new and existing ones with the procurement process and advertisement not yet made, non-priority projects except those that have an immediate impact on the well-being of the people, and new and existing projects that could not yet be implemented due to site issues.

He added that for projects that are currently being implemented, tender advertisements, Letters of Intent and Letters of Acceptance have been issued, and projects that are financed from the Infra Fund will also be implemented.

"This is important to support the government's efforts to speed up economic recovery after the pandemic."

He said a total of 7,243 development projects with a total allocation of RM75.6 billion had been approved for implementation this year.

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