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BERA: Felda settlers have been special and will always remain so, and the government will continue to take care of them, caretaker Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said yesterday.

Speaking at the *Himpunan Keluarga Felda, Teguh Bersama* programme at Felda Mayam, Ismail Sabri said the various incentives given to the settlers from the beginning of the Felda land settlement programme is proof of how special they are to the government.

"Even when Felda was deluged with problems, settlers were never neglected," he said in his speech at the event, which was also attended by Pahang Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail and Felda chairman Tan Sri Idris Jusoh.

Ismail Sabri said the government's special treatment is not only for settlers but also their second generation, as proven by the various incentives announced for the group recently.

He cited improvements made to the Felda New Generation Housing Project, with the Felda generation land lot initiative, which saw 8,670 land lots identified and 770 being approved.

"For the Felda New Generation Housing Project in Bera, I hope it can be expedited if the site has been identified."

Ismail Sabri added that RM20 million has been allocated by Felda, and more was announced by the government under Budget 2023 as housing loans for young people, including the second generation of Felda settlers, through the Housing Credit Guarantee Scheme.

He said Felda settlers have been "very loyal voters" in the history of the Barisan Nasional government and expressed hope that they would continue to ensure victory for the coalition in Pahang and at the federal level in the 15th general election.

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