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PUTRAJAYA: The policy paper on the Progressive Wage Policy will be given to the National Economic Action Council in August, said Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli yesterday.

He said the policy, developed by his ministry and the Human Resources Ministry, was aimed at ensuring a wage growth that was more inclusive.

“Even if the government focuses 100 per cent on the price of goods, but without effort and initiatives to raise people’s wages proportionately, people will continue to struggle with the issue of cost of living.”

He said this at a news conference here.

Rafizi said focusing on wage growth would be the main theme in the country’s economic planning in the upcoming Malaysia Plan, apart from dealing with people’s cost of living.

Meanwhile, to ensure a conti-

nunity in food supply, he said his ministry, through the People’s Income Initiative, was carrying out agricultural and nutritional projects on government-owned land with a total area of 404.7ha.

Without going into details on the cost of the project under the Farmers Entrepreneur Initiative (Intan), he said the effort would indirectly help the B40 group to get involved in agriculture.

Besides the provision of land under the Intan model, the government would also provide construction infrastructure, such as greenhouses and land clearing, he added.

“This is expected to benefit 4,000 people with a ratio of a quarter acre or half an acre for each person.”

He said the Intan model also involved the cooperation of government agricultural agencies and state government agencies.

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