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KENINGAU: The Government has allocated RM55 million to implement power supply projects to over 5,000 consumers covering 26 villages in Sook, Pensian-gan, Nabawan and Şapulut.

Minister in the Prime Minister Department, Tan Sri Joseph Kurup said these projects would directly bring bright future to industrial development and open up jobs to the villagers.

"I am confident and believe that Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) under Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) is capable to continue efforts of improving electrical supply in the State and the government will keep on giving support and cooperation for mutual interests.

"For your information, about 350,000 village houses in Sabah have enjoyed power supply via the projects with 95 per cent coverage of the rural power supply (BELB), so far," he said, when opening a BELB project for Mukim Dalit at a field of Kg Kahaba, Thursday.

Also present were Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) Deputy President Arthur Joseph Kurup, PBRS Information Chief Rayner Udong, Sesb General Manager (Main Projects) John Gomez, and its General Manager (Corporate Communication) Chendramata Sinteh, among others.

He said the villagers must be patient when waiting for power supply to be channelled to them soon by SESB.

Kurup said the power supply could also enhance academic performance of the students here via assistance of the supply in the village that will facilitate them to study.

Meanwhile, aspiration of 60 villagers in two villages in Mukim Dait Gana, Sook to enjoy 24-hour power supply became reality early this year via the Federal government's BELB project.

According to Gomez, the basic amenity is also enjoyed by some 300 villagers in five nearby villages involving Kg Melosok, Kg Kahabah, Kg Dalit Gana, Kg. Dalit Laut, Kg. Punggol, Kg. Inandung and Kg. Kalampun.

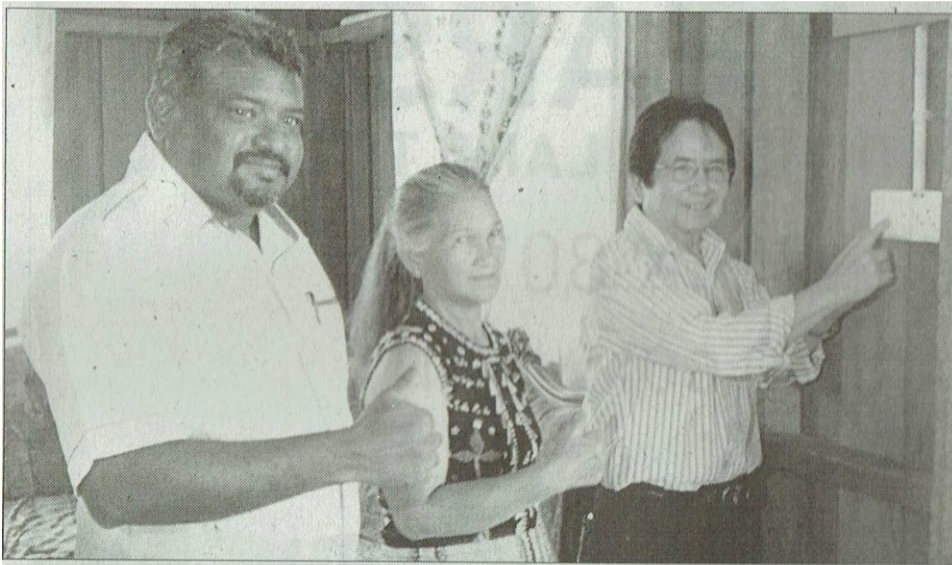
Prior to the channel of power supply, he said the villagers only relying on generator facilities to get the power supply with high cost.

Gomez said SESB has assisted financial problem faced by the villagers to install the wiring and power metres at their respective house via instalment payment scheme of SESB.

Through the scheme, he said the consumers can pay the monthly instalment of RM14.20 for 36 months for the first six months and the remaining only for RM14.16.

He said the consumers who cannot afford to wait for the power supply and wiring installation can now enjoy such facility in two working days after payment of security deposit and letter of agreement is signed by the applicants.

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Kurup (right) switching a light.