

## **Payment for residents affected by project**

**PETALING JAYA:** The Federal Government has decided to give goodwill payment to all residents who are directly affected by the Ipoh-Padang Besar double-tracking project, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat said.

He said in a statement yesterday that the Government would give more than RM5mil in goodwill payment to the 134 affected residents.

As for private land owners, Ong said the payment was being processed and it would be made soon.

He said it would be made together with the compensation under the Land Acquisition Act 1960 where applicable.

"The Federal Government is taking into consideration the interest of all residents who were directly affected by the project," said Ong.

He said the views and feedback from community leaders and Barisan Nasional political component parties in Penang have been taken into consideration.