



Special grant: Tan (middle) presenting the cheque for RM5,000 to Ng (second left). With them are (from left) BN coordinator for Jawi, Khor Lit Chuan, Jawi assemblyman Tan Beng Huat and temple committee member Quah Shu Khoon.

Families relieved they don't have to be relocated

TEN households in Kampung Sanglang near Nibong Tebal in Penang are relieved that they will not have to be relocated to make way for the Ipoh-Padang Besar electrified railway double-tracking project.

They received the good news from Nibong Tebal MCA chief Tan Cheng Liang when she visited the Persatuan Dewa Tee Kong temple in the village recently.

Tan said their homes and the temple would not be acquired for the project following the realignment of the track in Kampung Sanglang.

She said the villagers had approached her for help when they were given a three-month period to vacate their homes two years ago.

Tan, who is also Penang Wanita MCA chief, said she then took up the matter with Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat to seek his help to save the temple

and houses.

She said the matter was resolved thanks to the intervention of Ong, who is also MCA president.

She said the temple was earlier allocated a RM5,000 special grant by the Federal Government for its new building when the land it was sited on was supposed to be acquired.

"The temple can now use the money as a special grant for its activities," said Tan, who is former Jawi assemblyman.

She handed over a mock cheque for the amount to temple vice-chairman Ng Peng Kiam during her visit.

She said the solution of the problem faced by the villagers and temple reflected the caring attitude of Barisan Nasional leaders in listening to the woes faced by the people and help in whatever ways they could.