

Press Release

Parliament urged to reject Kula’s proposed labour law amendments

THE Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has urged the Dewan Negara to reject the proposed amendments to labour laws as submitted by the Minister of Human Resources YB M. Kula Segaran following his failure to formally consult both the employers’ and workers’ groups on the matter.

On Tuesday, the proposed amendments to the Industrial Relations Act 1967 were submitted to the Dewan Rakyat by the Minister of Human Resources who sidestepped the agreed procedure of tabling the discussions with MEF and MTUC at the National Labour Advisory Council (NLAC) after the discussions at the Technical Committee of NLAC on Labour law review.

“We are shocked that the Minister tabled the proposed amendments on his own volition in flagrant violation of the agreed principles of tripartism under Convention 144 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO),” said ED Datuk Hj. Shamsuddin Bardan.

“We are also very concerned by this development as the proposed amendments have very serious implications on the existing industrial harmony in Malaysia and detrimentally impacts the nation’s economic stability.

“The Minister had not only ignored the partners before tabling the proposed amendments, there was no Regulation Impact Analysis (RIA) being conducted.”

“MEF share the view of the MTUC and strongly urge the Dewan Negara to reject the proposed labour law amendments and return the proposed amendments back to the NLAC for proper discussion.”

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