

'LOGICAL MOVE'

'Waive GST for civil servants buying first home'

KOTA BARU: The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has urged the government to exempt the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for the purchase of the first house by civil servants and low-income individuals.

Its president, Datuk Azih Muda, said the GST exemption should cover all types of houses, including the Malaysia Civil Servants Housing, Malaysia People's Housing Programme and

MyHome housing scheme.

He said the move was logical as 50 per cent, or between 800,000 and 900,000, of 1.6 million civil servants could not afford to own a house.

"The number mainly includes those aged between 25 and 35, who earn RM3,000 and below.

"They don't have the money to buy houses priced between RM150,000 and RM300,000.

"We appeal to the government to do away with the GST payment

to encourage more youngsters to buy a house," he said at the Transformasi Nasional 2050 discourse at the Kelantan Educational Technology Division here yesterday.

Azih said he hoped the government would build more affordable homes priced less than RM150,000, as well as provide GST exemption on building materials for the construction of the first house for civil servants.