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Govt to pay displaced locals

INFRASTRUCTURE: The Transport Ministry has promised to pay compensation totalling 12 billion baht to residents who have ended up homeless after their land was expropriated by the government to make way for the Bang Yai-Kanchanaburi motorway project.

"A proposal will be sent to cabinet this month, so the budget can be immediately disbursed," said a Bhumjaithai MP for Kanchanaburi province, Sawat Maphaisansin yesterday.

Mr Sawat said the compensation was not paid out earlier because of the "transition" period from the military-sponsored regime to the new Prayut administration.

The project has affected hundreds of households across Nonthaburi, Nakhon Pathom, Ratchaburi and Kanchanaburi.

Many low-income households sought loans after the payouts were delayed, and eventually become homeless for failing to service their debts.