



### **Business : Budget 2023 will boost rural digital economy - Mohd Shahar**

KOTA BHARU, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- The government would be advocacy the rural agenda abridgement by Budget 2023 to be tabled this October, answered Deputy Finance Minister I, Datuk Mohd Shahar Abdullah.

He answered which based on the allegation by e-dagang (e-commerce), the enhance was once 7.7 per cent in the first division of 2022 and admired at RM288.2 billion compared with RM267.2 million recorded all through the aforementioned aeon aftermost year.

"The Finance Ministry is therefore, also assured the agenda abridgement affairs in 2023 to further improve, thus fulfilling the government's admiration to ensure which digitalisation also occurs in the rural areas.

"We see which the e-dagang market is accretion rapidly back a few years ago, Therefore, we will see the need, by Budget 2023, to further addition rural agenda technology.

"In fact, with the accepted amplification of e-dagang, we can say which the country is on the correct clue to have a e-dagang bazaar admeasurement of RM1.65 abundance by 2025."

Mohd Shahar answered this to reporters afterwards officiating at the Kadok accompaniment constituency-level Merdeka@Komuniti Keluarga Malaysia Programme at Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Kadok, Ketereh, here, today.

He answered the **Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)** recorded a absolute sum of RM1.09 abundance in e-dagang affairs in 2021, up by 21.8 per cent from RM896.4 billion in 2020, the first time area the affairs exceeded RM1 trillion.

"From that sum, we can see a bigger befalling by the digital economy, appropriately the implementation of assorted initiatives should be focused on and not alone in the big cities.

"In fact, it should be widened to ability all levels of association including the boyhood communities in the rural areas in tandem with the technology implemented by the Communications and Multimedia Ministry," he said.

Mohd Shahar also answered which the country was once accepted to be adverse anytime bread-and-butter challenges abutting year.

"Hence, Budget 2024 will also be looking at subsidies for the consumers and anytime desperate measures to animate the abridgement so which abutting year, we will have abundant payments to look after the abundance and bloom of the people.

“We can’t abstain the alien factors about we can accomplish affairs with the -to-be initiatives so which Budget 2023 will be able to cushion the adverse effects, if any,” he added.

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