

## 1,000 schools expected to get 5G networks by year-end, says Annuar

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KOTA BARU: One thousand selected schools throughout the country, including in the rural areas, are expected to be provided with the 5G network by the end of this year, said Communications and Multimedia Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa.

He said the ministry was still waiting for approval from the Education Ministry to implement the initiative. "We are still waiting for the green light from the Education Ministry and I have already discussed with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and Digital Nasional Berhad (DNB), who have given their commitment to make a success of the 5G network implementation in schools.

"Apart from this, we have also decided to select five or six schools so far under the starting concept to test the capacity of 5G networks," he told reporters after conducting price checks on goods at the Keteleh Market here Saturday. (July 16)

Annuar, who is also Kateroh MP, said 5G networks in schools would not only help school managements to provide a better learning process but also benefit consumers in surrounding areas.

On another matter, Annuar said the community, non-governmental organisations and local leaders could help MCMC in the implementation of the 'Kembara Connectivity' for Internet coverage.

"MCMC in states can teach the community to download an application to measure Internet speeds, apart from helping MCMC to identify telcos offering services below set minimum standards, because action can be taken against them for not meeting the conditions," he added. – Bernama