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KUANTAN: The Election Commission (EC) has agreed to implement seven out of 10 proposals presented by the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) in the coming 13th general election (GE), said EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof.

The remainder three which involve non-resident voters, absentee voters abroad and changing of registration areas are still being studied, he said.

"The seven proposals which would be implemented for the 13th general election are the use of indelible ink; early voting by police and armed forces and their spouses; extending the electoral roll display from seven to 14 days; abolishing the objection process and withdrawal period for candidates; cleaning up of the electoral roll; and strengthening the Election Commission," said Abdul Aziz.

He was speaking to reporters yesterday after a briefing to managers and assistant managers in preparation for the election.

He said the PSC, which was formed last August, completed its nationwide public hearing sessions on Jan 13 in Johor Baru.

"We understand that the Committee's final report would be presented in Parliament during the March sitting," he added.

On the cleaning up of the electoral roll, he said the EC had given a list of 12.4 million registered voters to Mimos Bhd for action early this month.

"We've given them a deadline but hope it can be completed before the PSC report is presented in Parliament in March," he said.

Commenting on concerns that certain parties would still be dissatisfied with the implementation of the proposals, he said they could always put forward their suggestions to the EC through various media including letters.

On another note, he said the EC had terminated the services of 24 assistant registrars and another 67 issued warnings for various inefficiencies. — *Bernama*