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Govinda appeals against suspension

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — Suspended MIC vice-president Mr V. Govindaraj, claiming that he had been "framed", appealed today against his suspension by party president Datuk S. Samy Vellu.

Mr Govindaraj, the MP for Port Klang and also Selangor MIC chief, was suspended on Saturday and the Central Working Committee is expected to hear his appeal on April 10.

Mr Govindaraj today refuted all the reasons given by Datuk Samy Vellu in suspending him.

The first two reasons given by Datuk Samy Vellu were that as the Selangor MIC chief, Mr Govindaraj had fallen short in several financial responsibilities and that he had acted contrary to the directives of the CWC.

Mr Govindaraj said that on Feb. 12, he received a letter from the CWC asking for the Selangor MIC accounts but he refused to do so because the accounts had to be audited by the internal auditors before they could be submitted to the CWC.

"However, I agreed to submit the accounts to the CWC after it has been audited."

On the charge that he had attended a function organised by the Indian Muslim Congress of Malaysia (Kimma) on Jan. 30 at about 8p.m. he said:

"I received a letter from the party secretary-general asking me to explain my presence at the function. I wrote back saying that I have attended another function on Jan. 30 and not the Kimma function.

"There was not even an acknowledgement of my reply. Instead, I received a letter asking me to appear before the disciplinary committee," he said.

Mr Govindaraj said he gave the same explanation to the committee and they accepted it.

"So how can Datuk Samy Vellu not accept the committee's decision?"

He said if there were problems, they should have been thrashed out at the State level disciplinary committee first.