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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Suspended MIC vice-president V. Govindaraj publicly attacked party president Datuk S. Samy Vellu today amid speculations that the Central Working Committee meeting on Sunday could expel him (Mr Govindaraj) from the party.

Mr Govindaraj told a Press conference at the Selangor MIC headquarters that Datuk Samy Vellu had misused his powers as party president in suspending him.

He claimed that Article 10, 8 (d) of the party constitution allowed the president to act against any office-bearer who had defaulted in the performance of his duties in consultation with the CWC.

Some CWC members to recommend the sack

"But in my case, Datuk Samy Vellu announced my suspension even before consulting the CWC. This is a misuse of his power," said Mr Govindaraj, who is also Selangor MIC chief.

He criticised Datuk Samy Vellu for saying that he (Datuk Samy Vellu) would step down as president if the CWC failed to uphold the suspension decision.

Mr Govindaraj called the statement "unfair and uncalled for" and his supporters said it amounted to "blackmailing the CWC."

Mr Govindaraj also criticised Datuk Samy Vellu for saying that he would act against party members who

gathered outside the MIC headquarters when CWC meets on Sunday to hear Mr Govindaraj's appeal against the suspension.

The party chief had been quoted in the Tamil papers as saying that MIC members who gathered outside the headquarters would be photographed and disciplinary action would be taken against them.

Mr Govindaraj, however, said party members had gathered outside the building in the past when the CWC was deciding on a critical issue.

"It does not mean that if they gather outside the headquarters, they are against the MIC," he said.

(Mr Govindaraj's supporters are expected to arrive by the busloads to find out the outcome of his appeal.)

MIC sources said that several CWC members would propose to the committee that Mr Govindaraj be expelled from the party.

They said that these CWC members were fed-up with Mr Govindaraj's actions since the suspension was imposed.

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"He has been going around the country stirring up emotions and making all kinds of allegations against the party leadership," one source said.

"Instead of waiting to present his case to the CWC, which is the proper way to do things, he has resorted to making public statements and working up the emotions of party members.

"Even his staunchest allies in the party are disgusted with what he has done and is continuing to do. His public attack on Datuk Samy Vellu today is the last straw."

The sources said that several CWC members had decided to table a motion at the Sunday meeting calling for Mr Govindaraj's expulsion from the party.

Whether the motion would succeed depended not only on the other CWC members but also on whether Datuk Samy Vellu was willing to take this drastic step, the sources said.

With Datuk Samy Vellu having the upper hand and Mr Govindaraj's one-time close relationship with the party president now in tatters, it was likely that Sunday could see the end of the road for Mr Govindaraj's political career, they added.