

Pandithan's fate rests — with MIC, says Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today it was up to the MIC to decide on the position of Mr M.G. Pandithan in the Government.

The Prime Minister said he had not received anything official yet from the MIC adding that at the moment, Mr Pandithan was still the Trade and Industry Parliamentary secretary.

"I have not received anything official from the MIC ... so I won't know what to do," he said when asked by newsmen to comment on the position of Mr Pandithan in the Government.

Mr Pandithan, a vice-President of the MIC, was expelled from the party on Saturday for making Press statements detrimental to the party's image, making speeches that undermined elected leaders and for his actions on June 4 when he brought a coffin to the party headquarters.

He has 14 days to appeal to the central working committee.

Mr Pandithan, the MP for Tapah, has been the chairman of the Loke Yew-San Peng branch for nearly 18 years and was elected vice-President in 1981.