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MIC meetings on temple sites

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu today urged Hindu religious groups in the country to follow regulations of local authorities when building temples in any area.

He said the MIC would be organising special meetings in every State to explain to the religious groups of the rules and regulations pertaining to the building of temples.

He said a detailed briefing on the matter was given to over 500 representatives of Hindu temple caretakers from all over the country last month.

"We will explain to the religious groups that they cannot build their houses of worship indiscriminately. It is important that they have their own land first."

"If they want to build on Government land, they have to apply for that land. They will also have to submit building plans to their district council and only when their applications have been approved can they proceed."

Samy Vellu was speaking to reporters after meeting pupils of Sekolah Menengah Taman Selayang I and II to brief them on the Youth Services Centre programme organised by Maju Institute of Educational Development.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had told reporters last Monday after chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting that all Menteri Besars had been directed to speed up approval of applications to build houses of worship.

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