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MIC to apply for change in some constituencies

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The MIC will apply for Barisan Nasional president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's permission to change some of the constituencies allotted to it for the next general elections.

MIC party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said MIC was in the midst of discussing the proposal to be sent to the prime minister.

"There are some constituencies where there is a large majority of Indian voters and we feel these constituencies will be very good for us," he said.

Samy Vellu was speaking to reporters after chairing the MIC Central Working Committee meeting at the MIC headquarters here today.

He said MIC had also received applications to register 682 new branches nationwide.

They are: 201 in Selangor, Perak (65), Johor (61), Federal Territory (74), Negri Sembilan (55), Pahang (24), Penang (18), Kedah (74) Malacca (68), Terengganu (7), Kelantan (8), Perlis (2) and Sabah (25).

He said all MIC State Executive Councillors and State Assemblymen would make themselves available to their constituents on weekends.

"This is so they can listen to any problems their constituents have and help solve them," he said.

MIC has seven Members of Parliament and 14 State Assemblymen.

When asked whether MIC had decided on its candidates for the next general elections, Samy Vellu said no decision had been made yet.

"We will only discuss it when Dr Mahathir makes the announcement on the general elections," he said.

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