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EIGHT TAMIL SCHOOLS TO BE UPGRADED, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KLANG, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Eight Tamil schools will be upgraded with new buildings and facilities to provide a congenial learning and teaching environment for pupils and teachers.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the upgrading works estimated to cost more than RM7 million would be completed in one or two years.

"I've already applied to the Prime Minister for a RM5.4 million allocation for the purpose," he told reporters after a dialogue with the Parent-Teacher Association of SRJK (T) Methodist, Kapar, near here, today.

Sementa assemblyman Datuk Abdul Rahman Palil, who also attended the dialogue, donated RM5,000 for the school's building fund.

The dialogue was held to find ways to build a new building for the school, one of the eight slated for upgrading. The school built to accommodate about 400 students initially now has an enrolment of 1,200.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said the new buildings for most of the eight schools would be built on their existing land with the exception of one or two schools which would be relocated to a new site.

He said the Methodist Tamil School in Kapar would be replaced with a RM1.4-million four-storey building with 30 classrooms and would be the biggest Tamil school in the Klang district.

The school to be relocated to a new site is expected to be ready in 14 months, he said.

The Selangor Public Works Department had completed the site plan for submission to the Klang Municipal Council next week for approval, he said.

Samy Vellu said the MIC, through its education arm Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED), had collected RM100,000 and the PIBG had raised about RM25,000 for the school.

He urged state assemblymen, businessmen and the public to contribute towards the school's building fund.

Asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's advice to him and People's Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk M. Kayveas to stop bickering and work for the success of the BN in the coming general election, Samy Vellu said he would not want to make anymore political comments on the issue as he was too busy working for the betterment of the Indian community.

"I don't make anymore political comments because I'm too busy to bring to the Prime Minister's attention the problems of the Indian community and have no time to waste," he added.

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