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LING: TWO MCA MPs IN PERAK AXED

IPOH, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- Two MCA Members of Parliament from Perak have not been renominated to contest in the general election, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said tonight.

"I've submitted the candidates' list to Dr Mahathir for approval. Until he says okay, we'll not announce their names," he told reporters when approached at a hawker's centre in Pasir Pinji, here.

He declined to name the MPs.

He, however, said the prospective candidates for the two constituencies have been informed and they have started campaigning.

MCA has seven parliamentary and 13 state seats in Perak.

Asked on the fate of his deputy Datuk Lim Ah Lek, Ling said he would only comment after the candidates' list had been approved by Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Speculations are rife that Lim, who is the Human Resources Minister, planned to retire from politics.

Lim, who was also present, refused to say anything and distanced himself from reporters. Lim is also Perak MCA chairman.

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