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MCA HAS NOT DISCUSSED SEAT ALLOCATION - DR TING

SEPANG, June 14 (Bernama) -- MCA has not discussed seat allocations for the coming general election, its secretary-general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

He said the party would leave the matter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to decide.

"So far, there has been no discussion (on seat allocations). MCA will leave it to the prime minister," he told reporters when asked to comment on a press report that the party was lobbying for an extra seat in Pulau Pinang, with an eye on the chief minister's post.

The report quoting high-level political sources said MCA national leaders have started to lobby for a 10-10 formula in the allocation of state seats with Pulau Pinang Gerakan for the election.

In the 1995 General Election, Gerakan was allocated 11 seats, MCA 9, Umno 12 and MIC 1. Gerakan won 10, losing the Batu Lanchang seat to DAP while MCA won all nine.

Dr Ting said MCA leaders were busy focusing their attention on the July 17 party polls.

He earlier gave out financial aid from the JE Humanitarian Fund to 440 families affected by the Japanese Encephalitis and Nipah virus outbreak.

Each family received RM1,000.

He said the fund collected about RM13 million and RM6 million had been distributed to victims of the viral outbreak.

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