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MCA POLLS PANEL AT STATE AND DIVISION LEVELS

BATU GAJAH, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- MCA state liaison committees have been directed to set up general election panels at the state and divisional levels within the next three weeks, party secretary-general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

He said state committees had also been asked to activate their operation rooms, especially in areas where the MCA would field candidates.

In the last general election, MCA candidates represented the Barisan Nasional in 114 constituencies and won in 103 of them, comprising 31 parliamentary and 72 state seats.

Dr Ting, who is housing and local government minister and the MP for Gopeng, was speaking to reporters after opening the new Bemban market here.

He said the election panels were also required to gather information about development projects in their respective areas and also about the voters there and their racial-breakdown.

He said the information would be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is the BN chairman, by either him or MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

Dr Ting said a preliminary report on the same matter had been prepared earlier with the help of the MPs and assemblymen.

Asked if the report had identified any problems, he said there were problems in only a small number of constituencies mainly concerning basic amenities and social needs.

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