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MIC CANDIDATES LIST TO BE ANNOUNCED AFTER DR MAHATHIR'S APPROVAL

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- MIC President Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said today the list of the MIC candidates for the 10th General Election will be announced after they were approved by Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Samy Vellu was scheduled to announce the MIC list at the party headquarters at 3pm today before 120 heads of MIC divisions and members of the party's Central Working Committee.

Speaking to reporters at the grounds of the Prime Minister's Department here, he said had submitted the list to Dr Mahathir.

"As Dr Mahathir has not decided on the MIC list, the candidates' names cannot be announced," he said after a meeting with Dr Mahathir here.

"I have to wait for Dr Mahathir's approval before making any announcement," he said.

Asked about the number of new faces in the list, Samy Vellu said, "I do not want to discuss this anymore. We just have to wait for the PM's approval."

Samy Vellu said at this point, he was unable to confirm the number of MIC incumbents to be dropped or transferred.

"If Dr Mahathir does not agree to the MIC candidates list, then what I said previously is not correct," he said when recalling his earlier statement that there would be four new faces for Parliament and 50 per cent new faces for state seats.

In the last election, the MIC was allotted seven Parliamentary and 15 state seats.

The Parliament seats are Sungai Siput and Tapah (Perak), Hulu Selangor, Kapar and Subang (Selangor), Teluk Kemang (Negeri Sembilan) and Segamat (Johor).

The state seats: Ijok, Kota Raja and Sungai Tua (Selangor), Hutan Melintang, Sungkai and Pasir Panjang (Perak), Pasir Gudang and Tenggara (Johor), Sabai (Pahang), Jeram Padang and Sirusa (Negeri Sembilan), Bukit Selambau and Lunas (Kedah), Prai (Pulau Pinang) and Bukit Asahan (Melaka).

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