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MIC IN FULL GEAR TO FACE GENERAL ELECTION, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- The MIC will embark on a series of activities and programmes to face the coming general election, including highlighting the party's achievements in the last 20 years, its president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said.

Its achievements are being documented in a booklet outlining the political, economic and social progress of the Indian community under the Barisan Nasional (BN) and the MIC.

It will be printed in Bahasa Melayu, English and Tamil.

Samy Vellu also said the party's election machinery in all states was now in full gear following the dissolution of Parliament today.

The Works Minister told Bernama this when contacted on his mobile phone while on his way home after attending the World Intelligence Transport System Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Samy Vellu said he would convene the MIC Central Working Committee (CWC) meeting soon to discuss various matters relating to the general election.

"Armed with 53 years of achievements, we will take on the opposition in the battlefield," he said.

He said since the MIC was formed 53 years ago, the party had fought very hard to safeguard the interests of Indians in the country.

Samy Vellu declined to speak about the party's candidate list for the coming general election.

Yesterday, Samy Vellu said the names of MIC candidates would be announced after Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad approved it.

The list of MIC candidates would be announced here in the presence of MIC division leaders, he said.

Meanwhile, MIC secretary-general Tan Sri K.S. Nijhar said the MIC operations rooms in all the party's constituencies were in top gear now.

In the 1995 general election, the MIC won all the seven parliamentary and 15 state seats it contested.

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

The 15 state seats were 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).

Samy Vellu had said that there would be some new faces in the coming general election.

Health Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk M. Mahalingam, the MP for Subang, was quoted as saying today that he would not seek re-election.

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