

15 NOV 1999

MIC-Candidates

SAMY TO ANNOUNCE MIC CANDIDATES' LIST TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu will announce the names of the party's candidates for seven parliament and 15 state seats in the upcoming general election at a party gathering here tomorrow.

He will make the announcement at 6pm at the MIC headquarters, in front of the party's 120 divisional chiefs and Central Working Committee members, continuing a long-held tradition under his 20-year leadership.

Before that, at 4pm, Samy Vellu who is Works Minister is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Putrajaya to present the list.

MIC is expected to field four new faces for parliament while about half of the state seats are also expected to be taken by new faces.

MIC secretary-general Datuk K.S.Nijhar told Bernama today that Samy Vellu would also brief and explain to the divisional chiefs the rationale of selecting these candidates.

"He is also expected to urge them to step up their election machinery at all levels and update them on the latest political developments," he said.

Nijhar said the party's election machinery had been smoothly mobilised months ago and members were already working with component parties to ensure the success of Barisan Nasional candidates.

"The machinery is in good shape and we are getting in touch with members everyday," he said.

At Sungai Siput, Samy Vellu confirmed that he would make the announcement here tomorrow.

Meanwhile, at the same function, Samy Vellu will also launch a pocket-size booklet, outlining MIC's achievements in the past 50 years in the area of education, estate labour, social services, economy and culture and religion.

The 40-page booklet outlines the contribution of MIC being part of the government and being a political party directly involved in initiating programmes such as the Tafe Colleges in Seremban and Kuala Lumpur, the Maju Institute Educational Development (MIED) and the Yayasan Strategik Sosial.

"The booklet, to be distributed nationwide, will give a true and clear picture about the party and its contribution," a party official involved in preparing the booklet said.

-- BERNAMA

RV RM