

# PM okay's MIC's choice of candidate

SUN 10 11 2000

**BUKIT MERTAJAM, Sat:** MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has agreed on the choice of candidate for the Lunas state seat.

The name will be announced by Kedah Menteri Besar and state Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain at the appropriate time.

The candidate is a professional, born and educated in Sungai Petani, Samy Vellu said after visiting Dr Rosemary Lourdes, widow of the former assemblyman, Dr Joe Fernandez, at her residence in Taman Bukit today.

Fernandez died after he was shot by an unknown gunman at the Jalan Maju-Jalan Harapan junction at about 2.30pm last Saturday, while on his way home.

Samy Vellu, who returned from Rome yesterday, said he will contact IGP Tan Sri Norian Mai on Monday for details of the investigation into the killing of Fernandez.

He also said the by-election will not be a repeat of Teluk Intan, where DAP won, but a repeat of Teluk Kemang, which BN retained.