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MIC TO CALL FOR REVIEW OF BN AT CONVENTION

KAJANG, July 5 (Bernama) -- The MIC, the third largest component party in the Barisan Nasional, will propose that the 13-member ruling coalition review its policies and find new ways to convince the people that the BN is still the best choice.

MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said the proposal would be tabled at the BN Convention to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre here on Saturday.

"The BN cannot rely on the old ways to garner votes. We should come out with new ways to convince the people that the BN is the best party for the country in all aspects, so new ways would be needed," he said.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, told reporters this after officiating at the ground breaking ceremony of the Kajang Traffic Dispersal Ring Road, at Sungai Long here today.

The convention, scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would be attended by the leaders of the 13 component parties.

The parties are Umno, MCA, MIC, Gerakan, Peoples' Progressive Party (PPP), Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Murut Party (Upko), Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS), Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP), Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak United Peoples Party (SUPP), Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) and the Sarawak National Party (Snap).

Samy Vellu said the MIC would not table any resolutions at the convention but would suggest measures that the BN could adopt to attract voters.

"I will ask the Prime Minister (in my address) to consider changing the way the BN operates as we find that the methods we are using now to attract voters are outdated and is not bringing in returns politically," he said.

The MIC chief said he would also raise "a few important matters" which were pertinent for the survival of the BN.

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