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`Formulate policies to win over electorate'

KAJANG, Thurs. - MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said he would advise Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to formulate more policies to win over the electorate in the 2004 general election.

The recommendations would be part of his speech during the Barisan Nasional convention this Saturday.

"We are in an era where people are no longer grateful to the Government for all the services it renders but we have to formulate more policies to win them over," he said after officiating the groundbreaking ceremony of the Kajang Traffic Dispersal Ring Road (KRR) today.

Samy Vellu also refuted claims that there was misappropriation of funds by the Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (Tamil) Batu Caves, as reported in the Malay Mail yesterday.

The school which is the first Tamil school in the country to fall under the "smart school" category was built at a cost of RM4 million, where RM750,000 was provided by the Education Ministry and RM800,000 by the Batu Caves temple committee.

"However, based on the accounts showed to me by their headmaster, they still owe contractors money," he said.

Samy Vellu said he was disappointed with the school's Parent-Teacher Association for not contributing any money to the school's construction but was quick to blame parties for alleged misappropriation.

"I have helped raise funds including getting computers for them but there has been total apathy on the part of the PTA".

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