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PPP certain request for seats will be approved

KUALA LUMPUR, Tue. - The People's Progressive Party is confident the Barisan Nasional will approve its request for parliamentary and State assembly seats due to its strong position in the coalition.

Party president Datuk M. Kayveas said the PPP was in a better position than some other component parties to be given more seats because the PPP has a better chance of delivering those seats to the coalition.

"Some of the other component parties have internal problems that they have to solve, and they might not be given seats as there is the fear that they might not be able to deliver. Our party is in a better position to contest for seats," he said when contacted today.

Kayveas added that the BN chairman, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, had indicated in the last general election that the PPP would be allocated new seats once they are available. "At that time all the seats were taken, so the PPP wasn't able to get any. But he said that once new seats were available, he would consider allocating some to the PPP."

The Election Commission on Saturday was reported to have compiled all the data needed to redelinate election boundaries. It is believed that 20 new parliamentary and 44 State seats are expected to be created from the data.

At the party's two-day annual general assembly which begins on Friday, Kayveas is expected to ask Dr Mahathir for four parliamentary and eight State seats for the PPP in the next general election.

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