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Samy Vellu: MIC Youth, Wanita chiefs to be elected in future

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The MIC will amend its constitution to enable its Wanita and Youth chief to be elected and not appointed as currently practised, its president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said amendments would also be done to allow key positions at the branch and division level to be contested, unlike presently where the branch chairman make the appointments.

"Once amended, the positions of secretary, treasurer and information chief will have to be contested," he said. Party elections will next be held in 2003. At present, the party president appoints the Wanita and Youth chiefs, which are currently held by Senator Jeya Parthiban and Datuk Dr Nelson Renganathan respectively.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the party's Central Working Committee here, Samy Vellu said the amendments would be tabled at the annual delegates conference in Johor Baru on May 19 and 20.

The conference is scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Samy Vellu said the amendments, once passed, would enable party members to elect candidates of their choice as well as allow more capable members to hold key posts.

He also said the party would also seek to increase its annual fees from RM3 to RM4.

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