

# Johor MIC likely to get more seats in next election: MB

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**JOHOR BARU, Thurs:** Johor MIC stands a good chance of getting additional seats in the next general election, Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said.

He said although the responsibility of deciding on the allocation of seats is vested in the prime minister and BN chairman, Ghani believes Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will consider this based on the policy of power sharing as practised by the BN.

"There is a big possibility of additional parliamentary and state seats being created in Johor and I believe the BN leadership will allocate seats to the MIC," he said at a get-together with the Indian community last night.

He did not mention the number of parliamentary and state seats that will be created in Johor but indicated that there will be several new parliamentary seats in

view of the large constituencies with growing number of voters.

He said with the rapid increase in population and voters, it is only appropriate that new seats are created.

Ghani said he believes Mahathir will consider additional seats for the MIC because in the last 10 general elections, the component parties had shared power, had shared the country's vision and will share a common future with wisdom.

He said the Johor BN and the state government value the support and loyalty of the Indian community shown through the state MIC which has some 60,000 members in 500 branches covering 20 divisions with a total of nearly 50,000 voters.

Ghani also announced a RM1 million allocation for development projects such as for the upgrading and renovation of Tamil schools in the state.