

MIC to study seat make-up before making decision

KUALA LUMPUR: The MIC will not air publicly its request for extra seats following the completion of the electoral re-delineation exercise, its president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said yesterday.

"We are unlike other parties. We will not openly demand seats but will raise the matter through private discussions.

"The MIC will analyse the racial composition in all the newly-created state and par-

liamentary seats before initiating discussions with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said after chairing the party's Central Working Committee meeting here yesterday.

Under the recent re-delineation, there will be 25 more parliamentary and 59 state seats.

Samy Vellu said MIC division chiefs had been directed to look into the newly created constituencies and be pre-

pared to work in the new voting places.

He said they had also been directed to identify non-voters among the party members and get them to register during the ongoing voters' registration exercise so that "they would be eligible to vote in the next general election."

Samy Vellu said the chiefs were also asked to identify the problems within their areas and submit a report to the party for follow-up action.

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