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MIC to field new faces in next election

KLUANG, Mon. - The MIC is prepared to field a number of new faces, including women candidates, provided extra seats are allocated to the party in the next general election.

Party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said a request for the extra seats had been made to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also Barisan Nasional chairman.

The Election Commission has proposed an additional 25 parliamentary and 59 State seats for the coming elections.

Samy Vellu said once the electoral lists had been finalised, MIC would study the details before setting up new branches and divisions.

He was speaking after launching the State MIC fund-raising event for the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology (AIMST) at the Che Luan Khor Moral Uplifting Society hall here yesterday.

He said inactive MIC councillors in local authorities would be replaced by new blood.

Samy Vellu also commended the State MIC for raising a total of RM1.3 million during the function.