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Move to build 19 new Tamil schools

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - MIC has proposed to the Government to build 19 new Tamil schools on the site of existing schools which are in poor condition and are no longer in use, its president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"We submitted a request to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad last week. We believe our appeal will be approved soon," he said today.

Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, said construction would start immediately after approval had been obtained.

He said there were about 180 Tamil schools in poor condition and MIC hoped these schools could be replaced within the next 10 years.

On the move to teach Science and Mathematics in English from next year, Samy Vellu said MIC had always supported the move.

"However, we hope the Government would increase the facilities in Tamil schools such as computers and upgrade the status of partially-funded schools to fully-aided ones."

Samy Vellu, however, declined to comment on the proposal to be submitted by the four Chinese-based parties in Barisan Nasional on the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English.