

PPP wants 10 state seats in next elections

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KUALA LUMPUR: The People's Progressive Party is hoping to contest for 10 state seats in the next general election.

Its president Datuk M. Kayveas said the party's state chairmen had made the request for one seat each in Johor, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Selangor, Pahang, Kedah and Penang and three seats in Perak.

"The state chairmen had made the request. It is logical for them to raise it in this meeting but we will bring it up to the Barisan Nasional, which will divide the seats accordingly," he told reporters after closing the party's 50th general assembly at Putra World Trade Centre yesterday.

However, Kayveas said he would leave the matter to the Barisan leadership.

"What the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) and Deputy Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) have indicated is that we have the seats but they have to be distributed in a fair manner. I'm sure that the next prime minister will be very fair. I don't think there will be any problem."

"I think it is more or less definite for us to get the seats, but the question will be how many and where."

On whether the party would request to contest parliamentary seats, Kayveas said: "The party will only request for Parliament seats when the time comes."

Earlier, Kayveas said the Barisan leadership was more sensitive about the expectation of Barisan candidates, particularly in new parliamentary seats following the delineation of the election boundary.