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ALL MIC CANDIDATES MUST DECLARE ASSETS

SUNGAI PETANI, July 10 (Bernama) -- All MIC candidates contesting in the next general election must declare their assets, party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said all the details on their assets would be sent to the prime minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman when their names were submitted.

"In future, if MIC members that I have chosen as candidates say that they cannot declare their assets, I'll say thank you, go home," he told reporters after visiting Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil Batu Pekakar, in Kuala Ketil, near here, which was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Last Tuesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Umno supreme council would consider requiring candidates nominated for the next general election to declare their assets.

Samy Vellu said that it was better for the candidates not to be elected as state assemblymen or members of parliament if they did not want to declare their assets.

"Even I, as a minister and MP for Sungai Siput, have to send a report on my assets to the prime minister once every three years," he said.

He said those who were honest and dedicated and really wanted to serve the people need not be afraid to declare their assets.

Samy Vellu also said that a single-storey concrete building would be constructed as soon as possible to replace the school's razed building.

The RM200,000 building, which would have five classrooms and capacity to accommodate 200 pupils, was expected to be ready in six months.

He said he had discussed the matter with the education minister and would submit a full report to the cabinet at its meeting on Wednesday.

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