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MIC WANTS SPECIAL MONITORING BODY FOR RECRUITMENT OF NON MALAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- The MIC wants Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to set up a special monitoring body to ensure comprehensive and effective implementation of recruitment of non-Bumiputeras into the civil service.

The committee, the largest Indian-based party in the country said, must submit periodic reports to the Prime Minister on the progress achieved by the policy.

"We urge the Prime Minister to direct the Public Services Commission and other relevant authorities to set up specific targets, to formulate effective recruitment strategies and to provide fair and equal opportunities for promotions and career advancement in the public sector including the Police and Armed Forces," the party said.

This was one of the 16 resolutions passed by the party at the end of its two-day 57th Annual General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Another resolution wanted the Education Ministry and all state governments to ensure that the infrastructure facilities at Tamil schools, especially those in estates, were upgraded.

The party also wanted a crash programme be implemented to rebuild and renovate all Tamil school buildings which were dilapidated and unsafe for occupation so as to enhance the quality of teaching and learning at these schools.

In another resolution the MIC wanted the Education Ministry to ensure that a just and equitable number of offers were made to Malaysian Indian students, especially those in the low income group, and to increase the access into public universities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

It also wanted relevant ministries to ensure equitable Indian students' participation at all 117 Industrial Training Institutes and 14 National Youth Skills Training Institutions in the country.

It also wanted the Defence Ministry to consider those who had completed national service, to be introduced next year, as a special category for purposes of entry into the public sector including the Police and the Armed Forces.

The party also called on the National Social Council to ensure that there was adequate Indian representation at the federal, state and district levels to implement its programmes.

The MIC also wanted the government to declare Thaipusam a public holiday.

It also wanted the Rural Development Ministry to increase allocation for micro-credit and urged Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia to employ sufficient staff to implement programmes effectively so as to achieve the target of setting up small businesses.

Other resolutions dealt with the reconstruction of Iraq, monthly wages for estate workers, access to business loans and training and the redelineation of constituencies.

The MIC expressed full support for Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and pledged loyalty to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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