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SEVENTY-FIVE MIC BRANCHES YET TO HOLD AGM, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, March 7 (Bernama) -- A total of 75 out of the 4,275 MIC branches in the country have yet to hold their annual general meetings due to a lack of quorum, party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

The party supremo, who will be seeking a record ninth term in office at the MIC presidential nomination tomorrow, said that they had been asked to hold their AGMs after March 12.

"The respective dates will be left to the discretion of the secretary-general (S. Sothinathan, who is Health Ministry parliamentary secretary) and he will fix any date after March 12 for the branches to hold their AGMs," he told reporters after the MIC central working committee meeting at its headquarters here.

According to the party constitution, a branch is required to hold its AGM every year and it must be attended by 30 per cent or at least 50 of the registered branch members.

On another note, Samy Vellu said the party's top brass had not received any report of disciplinary breach among party members in conducting the branch elections and AGMs.

Samy Vellu had warned last month that MIC division leaders who take the branch chairmen on trips as an enticement for votes at the divisional polls would be severely punished. He had also spoken of two such cases last year.

Asked if there were new reports, he said: "I am happy to note that there is none. Nowadays nobody even goes out of their house."

He also said that today's meeting decided on the formation of a resolution committee, to be headed by MIC deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam.

"This five-man committee will collate all the proposed resolutions that the party will endorse at its annual delegates assembly on May 10," he added.

He also said that the assembly this year would be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is also expected to open the Federal Territory MIC AGM, which Samy Vellu heads, on May 1.

The central working committee also fixed May 1 as the nomination date for the other top posts of deputy president, three vice-presidents and 23 central working committee members. The elections will be held on May 10.

The divisional elections will be completed by end of this month and the state AGMs by end of April.

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