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MIC call for better facilities in Tamil schools

THE MIC wants the Education Ministry and State Governments to ensure that all infrastructure facilities in Tamil schools, especially in the rural areas are improved.

This was among the 16 resolutions passed on the second day of the party's 57th annual general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur. It was tabled by MIC deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam.

The resolution called for a crash programme to rebuild or renovate all Tamil school buildings which are dilapidated and unsafe for occupation.

"This move will help enhance the quality of the teaching and learning environment of Tamil schools."

The second resolution called on the Education Ministry to ensure that an equitable number of offers are made to Indian students, especially from the lower income group, for entry into public universities.

Another resolution urged the Prime Minister to establish a special monitoring body to ensure comprehensive and effective implementation in the intake of more non-Bumiputera into the public sector including the police and armed forces.

The other resolutions are:

- * pledging undivided support and loyalty to Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad;

- * assuring undivided support and loyalty to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the next Prime Minister and BN chairman;

- * calling for the formation of a monitoring authority to ensure the target in the Third Outline Perspective Plan (2001-2010) to increase the Indian equity ownership from the current 1.5 per cent to three per cent, is achieved;

- * calling on the Youth and Sports Ministry to ensure equitable participation of Indian students in the national youth skills training institutions;

- * urging the Entrepreneur Ministry to provide guidance and training to Indian businessmen and to establish a special fund similar to the Tekun programme which gives loans to Indians;

- * asking for an increase in the allocation of seats for MIC in the next general election;

- * calling on the Defence Ministry to consider all those who have completed national service as a special category for purposes of entry into the public sector including the police and armed forces;

- * urging the National Social Council to ensure that there is adequate Indian representation at the Federal, State and district levels;

- * calling on the National Unity and Social Development Ministry to continue the yearly allocations to MIC's Yayasan Strategik Sosial for programmes to address social ills among the Indians;

- * urging the Human Resources Ministry to proposed an increase in the monthly wages for estate workers;

- * calling on Pahang, Kedah, Perlis, Malacca and the Federal Territory to declare Thaipusam as a public holiday; and,

- * urging the United States to restore Iraq's economy and to rebuild its physical infrastructure and public amenities and urging the United Nations to play a pivotal role in the interim administration of Iraq and for the Rural Development Ministry to ensure there are enough workers in the Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia programme.

