

Palanivel: MIC seeks to win 1 mil Indian voters
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MIC president G Palanivel has listed several critical agenda items for implementation throughout next year, including to have one million Indian voters, in preparation for the next general election.

He said this effort had been identified as vital in order to keep the party relevant in championing the community's cause and to have a strong bargaining power in the government.

"We are a small community, but we're aiming to be a very well-structured small community, and by increasing the number of new registered voters and members, it will prove that MIC is relevant to the Indian community.

"If we have a stronger bargaining power in the government, we can do more to help improve the life of Indians, such as applying more support in terms of getting more budget expenditure," he told reporters after chairing the MIC central working committee (CWC) meeting at Kelab Darul Ehsan in Kuala Lumpur today.

One of the agenda items highlighted by Palanivel was to localise and mobilise the party's membership at every branch.

Palanivel said the CWC had identified a situation where some of the members voted elsewhere, and that under a restructure plan, all data on voters would be collected and localised based on information such as their place of birth.

"We will be starting the outreach programme where every leader will go and meet the grassroots and, at the same time, start to collect all the information about the Indian community.

"Every piece of data will be collected through a system, including photos, addresses, handphone numbers, fixed numbers, blogs ... everything. We want to make sure the localisation process runs smoothly," he said.

'Wait for the right time to come'

Asked whether all the sacked members would be accepted back, Palanivel reiterated that he was willing to work with everybody for the sake of the community.

"I'm really looking forward to cooperating with them, members who have left, members who were sacked, even the leaders of Hindraf (Hindu Rights Action Force).

"But I'm not higher than the party's constitution. I hope that the former members will keep on cooperating with us and wait for the 'right' time to come," he said.

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