

Waythamoorthy seeks meeting with Najib and Anwar
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Hindu Rights Action Force (Hindraf) chairperson P Waythamoorthy, who returned to Malaysia earlier this month, has requested to meet Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim separately to discuss approaches to permanently addressing the socio-economic problems of marginalised Indians.

In a statement issued today, he said, "Hindraf believes all past and current approaches fall way below the power curve needed to resolve the problem permanently.

"It is also Hindraf's belief that a permanent solution and the mechanics to arriving at the solution lies first in a proper definition of the problem, something we believe has eluded the policy-makers and problem-solvers up to now.

"To achieve this there need to be prerequisite political will. This is also another key element that has been missing in all past and current efforts".

Yesterday, the movement delivered two letters to both leaders respectively requesting for the meetings.

Waythamoorthy said the meetings are to confirm first, the demonstration of that political will and then to work out the details and modalities for the solution.

"We are approaching this initiative with an open mind and are willing to talk to both the leaders as they both share the leadership of the governments in the country."

'We will let the people decide'

Waythamoorthy urged Najib and Anwar, who he calls "prime-minister-in-waiting", to view this as an opportunity to demonstrate their seriousness and commitment to resolving the socio-economic problems of the marginalised Indian community.

"We have requested that both the leaders respond back within two weeks or by Sept 11 to our request for this meeting. It is also our intention to get the meetings going before the end of September 2012. We look forward to having these meetings.

"We will let the people decide on the respective attitudes shown by the leaders in their responses to our request. But we will go on, nevertheless, as we have 'miles to go before we sleep'," he added.

Waythamoorthy left the country soon after the Hindraf rally in November 2007 to take the movement's campaign global. His passport was revoked on April 2008.

After nearly five years of self exile, he returned to the country on Aug 1 without a hitch.

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