

Uthaya urges Pakatan to push for RCI on stateless Indians

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Hindu Rights Action Force (Hindraf) de facto leader P Uthayakumar has urged Pakatan Rakyat to table an emergency motion in Parliament to push for a royal commission of inquiry (RCI) to probe the issue of stateless Indians.

Uthayakumar, who lost his deposit while contesting as an Independent in the Kota Raja parliamentary seat as well as the Seri Andalas state seat in Selangor, said that he is now willing to assist Pakatan in tabling a motion to push for the RCI.

In a statement directed to Pakatan leaders today, Uthaya commended Pakatan for vowing to resolve the stateless Indians issue within 100 days should they come into power.

"We humbly urge your goodselves to file in the very first emergency motion in the new Parliament session seeking a royal commission of inquiry as your goodselves did for Sabah's Project IC," he said in his statement today.

"Lastly, we humbly pray that your goodselves do not brand Hindraf as being extremists for bringing up these chronic Indian poor concerns (to your attention)," Uthayakumar said.

PKR has claimed before that there are around 300,000 stateless Indians in the country, though the figures have been disputed by the federal government.

Uthayakumar's brother P Waythamoorthy, the Malaysian Hindraf Association chairperson who was appointed as Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department recently, said that he, along with the government, would be able to solve the stateless issue within five years of the Hindraf blueprint implementation.

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