

Yes he did, no he didn't...
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The question of whether or not S Nallakaruppan brought 10,000 members into Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) remains unresolved, as bickering continues in the wake of his abrupt resignation from the party last Friday.

Ex-Klang division head P Krishnasamy, among a clutch of grassroots leaders who quit with him, claimed to be holding copies of "thousands of membership forms" to prove that Nallakaruppan (photo) did indeed expand the party base.

Krishnasamy claimed that he still has 2,000 to 3,000 of the forms with him, but that the rest had been submitted to party headquarters for approval.

He said he gave the forms to Faisal Mustaffa, who assists secretary-general Kamarul Baharin Abbas.

"The party is supposed to key the names into the system. (But) I've noticed that many pro-tem members were not given positions because their membership has not been approved. And now they claim that Nallakaruppan never brought in 10,000 members," he said.

He was responding to former Youth deputy chief S Manikavasagam who asked what had happened to the membership forms and the members, if Nallakaruppan's claim was true.

"I asked him (Nalla) once about the 10,000 members and he told me to ask Krishnasamy. They are cheating," Manikavasagam said.

"Only 130 Indian representatives attended the party congress (last weekend). Where were the members during the Ijok by-election (on April 28)?"

'Forms were returned'

When contacted, Faisal said he had received the membership forms but had returned these to Krishnasamy for further action.

"I did receive the forms. There were hundreds of forms, but I returned them to him because they were in bundles and had yet to go through the divisions," he said.

Explaining the procedure, Faisal said the application forms must be endorsed by the division secretaries where the members are registered before the forms are submitted to the supreme council for approval.

However, Krishnasamy denied that Faisal had returned any forms to him.

"I regularly asked him about the membership forms and he would give the excuse that everyone was busy preparing for the congress. I believe nothing was done because they didn't want Indians to attend," he alleged.

Krishnasamy said Nallakaruppan had spoken to then party adviser (now de facto leader) Anwar

Ibrahim about the forms and was told to submit these directly to headquarters.

"When I spoke to Tian Chua, he told me to pass the forms to Faisal," he said.

Krishnasamy also demanded to know why only Nallakarupan was being attacked for not taking members to Ijok for the by-election, when "even some of the supreme council members" were not there.

Nallakaruppan, 61, a close friend of Anwar, resigned on grounds that Indian members were being sidelined in the self-professed multi-racial party. He himself had been "backstabbed" twice since April in his quest for a higher profile.

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