

Dr. Chua Dispels Rumours That MCA is Unhappy with BN Tenang Candidate
Malaysianmirror.com
January 20 , 2011

LABIS -- The MCA has dismissed talk that it disagrees with the selection of Mohd Azahar Ibrahim as the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Tenang state by-election in Jan 30.

Its president, Dr Chua Soi Lek, said today the party, in accordance with the BN spirit, has always accepted whatever has been decided.

" We respect Umno's choice. When we (MCA) decide, Umno and the rest of the component parties would also accept. That's how we keep BN alive and working as a team. We don't quarrel openly over a candidate," he told reporters after visiting a Thai Buddhist temple in Jalan Guan Peng here.

In the 38-year-old Mohd Azhar, Dr Chua said, BN has a good candidate since the former assistant district officer has administrative experience which is a plus point with a lot of local issues that need to be looked into.

Also, he is young and energetic and "well accepted by the Malay community, and we hope the Chinese voters will support him," Dr Chua said.

The Labis-born Azahar, who is married to housewife Tuty Roshizana Tumin and has three children, graduated from Institut Teknologi Mara with a Diploma in Public Administration in 1993 and also holds a Masters in Politics from Portsmouth.

He will face a former teacher his age, Normala Sudirman, leader of the PAS Labis women's wing in the by-election which follows the death of BN state assemblyman Sulaiman Taha on Dec 17. Nomination day has been fixed for Jan 22.

When reporters suggested to Dr Chua that Azahar was not well known among Chinese voters, he replied that neither was the PAS candidate.

Dr Chua also said the party was well prepared to face issues that he was sure that opposition would raise such as the open verdict of the coroner's court in the death of Selangor political aide Teoh Beng Hock.

" (The) Teoh Beng Hock (issue) has been played out in (past) by-elections. That is why I said it has been politicised. If they don't play it out (now), I will be very surprised," he added.

(Bernama)