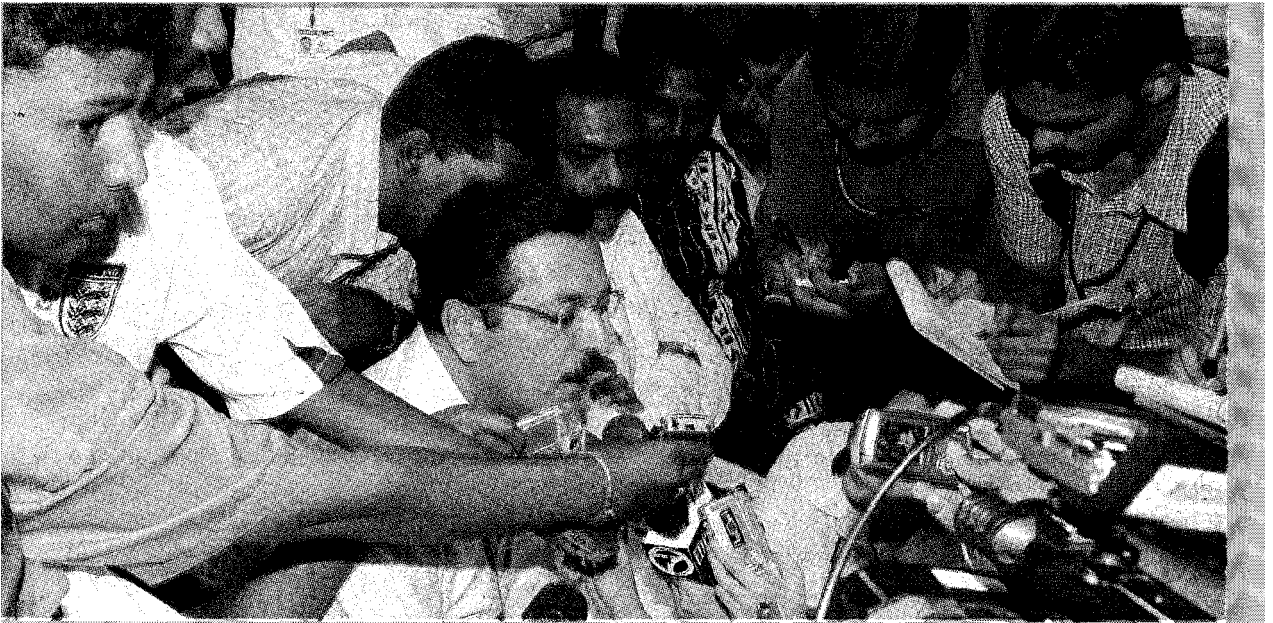


'Disappointed, but I'll continue to work for the community'



Subramaniam speaking to the Press after the election result was announced - Picture by Salim Shaari

KUALA LUMPUR: Probably in the next few days. Datuk S. Subramaniam will have more to say about his loss

But last night, he was content to accept defeat graciously.

He said that he was slightly disappointed with the results but respected the decision made by the 1,441 delegates.

"The president's men were, chosen and I only hope that they will be able to ram out their duties for the party and the community," he said.

"The new learn promised numerous things in the Indian community before the elections and I hope they will deliver, especially in overcoming the prob-

lems faced by the community"

Subramaniam also asked his supporters to remain calm and accept the decision.

"I want them to continue to work for the party and the community in their respective ways."

Subramaniam was reluctant to blame anyone for his defeat, only willing to say that he had stepped up to the challenge and faced many obstacles.

"But it would be petty if I were to go into the details on the day of the elections. I did not go wrong anywhere."

Subramaniam, who is the head of the Seputeh MIC division, said that he would remain a normal member in the

party and continue to work for the community.

On his future, Subramaniam said that he needed time to think about it.

"I have lost and won before," he said.

Asked if he had any advice for the incoming deputy president. Datuk G. Palanivel, Subramaniam said: "I have no advice. I think the president (Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu) will give him sufficient advice.

"My advice will neither be welcomed nor accepted."

Asked if the results would cause a split in the party, Subramaniam said: "I do not think this will happen. I do not see this happening."