

MIC wants 14 new Tamil schools built

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KUALA LUMPUR: The MIC will submit a proposal to the Government for 14 new Tamil schools, said president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

He said the party proposed that the schools, costing about RM12mil, be built in Kedah, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Johor.

"We have to build about 14 new Tamil schools. We have completed the list of schools and their plans.

"The Public Works Department will be sending the relevant papers to the authorities soon," he said after opening the Datuk M.S. Maniam primary school football tournament.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, was asked to comment on Deputy Education Minister Datuk Noh Omar's reply in Parliament that the Government would not build any vernacular schools under the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

Samy Vellu said the Government had allocated RM100mil for the construction of schools nationwide and the funds to build the 14 Tamil schools would be sourced from the allocation.

He said although construction of vernacular schools was not included in the Ninth Malaysia Plan, the Government would continue funding Tamil and Chinese schools.

"It is usually like that. Even under the Eighth Malaysia Plan, there was no mention of construction of vernacular schools, but in the end, we managed to build 21 new Tamil schools and upgraded 64 existing schools," he said.

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