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Transport Minister's post reserved for MCA, says Najib

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PUTRAJAYA: The Transport Minister's post is being reserved for MCA but the party would need to amend its resolution of not accepting any government position, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said until MCA resolves the issue, Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein would be the acting Transport Minister.

"I have made a provision for the post to allow the ministry to be led by MCA if it could amend the party resolution (on the matter).

"This (decision) is because Barisan Nasional holds to the concept of giving consideration to every race regardless of which party they belong to," he said here yesterday.

Najib said this when asked about Chinese representation in the new Cabinet line-up.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek had maintained that the party would abide by the resolutions endorsed in its 2011 and 2012 general assembly to reject any government posts if the party fared worse in GE13 compared to 2008.

On whether MCA had indicated that it would join the Cabinet later, he said: "That's for MCA to decide."

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, meanwhile, said "MCA's representation is being put on hold until a decision is made by the MCA on whether to be in the Cabinet or not."