

MIC Wants Government To Set Up Authority For Economic Advancement Of Indian Community
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PUTRAJAYA, July 31 (Bernama) -- The just-concluded 65th MIC general assembly approved a resolution asking the government to set up an Indian Community Economic Empowerment Authority under the Finance Ministry.

The resolution called for significant actions to be taken to uplift the economy of the Indian community.

It was one of nine resolutions on politics, governmental affairs, education and socio-economics adopted at the two-day assembly.

The resolution also called a special mechanism to be created to help hardcore poor Indians to own homes.

The general assembly also approved unanimously a motion to give full support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's leadership and Datuk G. Palanivel as MIC President.

In education, MIC also called on the government to give serious attention in providing pre-school facilities in at least 87 per cent of the total number of Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil (SRJKT) nationwide. At present only 18.7 per cent of the schools have such facilities.

The motion was made in line with the Prime Minister's announcement that pre-school education was an important component in the national education system.

The party also approved a resolution asking the government to offer more trainings and skill courses in the form of grants to the Indian community.

MIC also asked the government to consider giving automatic citizenship to permanent residents who had been residing in Malaysian since pre-independence year and those born in Malaysia after Independence but had remained under the stateless category.

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