

**DAP Flip-flopping Over Reduction Of Civil Servants Issue - MCA Youth Chief
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- The remark by DAP Youth chief and Lobak state assemblyman Anthony Loke Siew Fook that the PKR-DAP-PAS opposition pact will not reduce the number of civil servants if it takes over the federal government shows that the party does not have a proper stand on the issue, said MCA Youth chief Datuk Wee Ka Siong.

Loke was reported to have said in the Negeri Sembilan state assembly on Tuesday that the opposition pact has no plan to reduce the number of civil servants, and does not agree with the stand made by DAP publicity chief Tony Pua on the matter.

"I ask DAP to make its stand clear on this issue. DAP should order Tony Pua to withdraw his remarks if he is wrong and to make the party's stand clear instead of allowing its members to simply issue statements and after that claim that it is only a personal opinion and not the party's stand," said Wee in a statement issued here Wednesday.

He said Pua has yet to clarify the matter clearly, and neither has he withdrawn his remarks.

"Is DAP flip-flopping over this issue in order to look after the priorities of PKR and PAS?" he asked.

Wee, in another statement, also chided the PKR-DAP-PAS opposition pact for not being ready to have simultaneous state and parliamentary elections when the opposition pact can get ready for by-elections.

He finds it strange that since the 12th general election, the opposition pact has readily participated in all 16 by-elections regardless of whether the incumbents had opted to vacate the seat or had died.

"If Pakatan (opposition pact) cannot rein in the supporters, then it only shows that Pakatan has lost public backing," he said.

Therefore, he again urged the Penang and Selangor state governments to reconsider dissolving the state assemblies separately from Parliament so as not to inconvenience the people who would have travel twice, if they live far away from their polling areas, just to cast their ballots.

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