

**MIC to stand by Najib and Palanivel**  
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PETALING JAYA: Six resolutions will be tabled during the MIC general assembly today, with pledges of full support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and party president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel among the key resolutions.

Palanivel is expected to lead the call for the delegates to give their "undivided support" and have full faith in Najib's leadership as Barisan Nasional gets ready for the 13th general election.

Another resolution, which will see MIC members pledge support for Palanivel, will also seek to return the party's status as the sole voice of the Indian community in the country,

It will ask the party members to play a key role in ensuring Barisan secures a big mandate in the elections.

Other resolutions include a call for a complete restructuring in the intake of staff for the public sector at all levels so more opportunities are provided to Indians.

Party officials say the resolution to increase opportunities for Indians students in public universities and for jobs in the public sector will be among the key points for discussion during the assembly.

Observers say Palanivel, who took over as party president from Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu in December 2010, is also likely to seek more opportunities in getting government contracts and to request for a special quota for Indians.

Education will be another key point of discussion during the assembly, with the party calling on the Government to look at the longstanding problems related to poor infrastructure and funding for Tamil schools.

Delegates will also debate existing opportunities for skills training and development for Indian entrepreneurs in terms of grants and loans.

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