

Fed up with MIC, Indian group turns to MCA to resolve Seri Pristana controversy
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Fed-up with the lack of action from MIC leaders on the SK Seri Pristana issue, a non-governmental organisation urged the MCA to take the lead in solving the controversy surrounding the school.

Malaysian Tamilan Today secretary K. Gunasekaran said it was pointless to depend on MIC to champion the issue as its leaders "lacked courage".

He pointed out that the only MIC leader to visit the school after the canteen in the shower room issue broke, was the Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan, and "he failed miserably".

"He said the 'issue is solved' after spending about an hour in the school. Now we know that officers in his ministry do not listen to him," Gunasekaran said after a meeting with the state education director today.

Gunasekaran also pointed out that MCA Youth chief Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong and its Wanita wing vice-president Heng Seai Kie, have been outspoken on the issue.

"They should take the lead and resolve this issue once and for all," he added.

"Waythamoorthy (deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department) has not come to visit the school nor offered any help in this issue.

"What good can he do now since he has been told to toe the government line?"

Gunasekaran said Kamalanathan has also washed his hands of the matter.

"He told me and other parents who had waited so long to see him that he had 'no more power' to look into the matter further. I even recorded what he said," said Gunasekaran, adding that he was also upset when Kamalanathan later claimed that this was a "small problem".

"Just because you (Kamalanathan) can't handle (this case), you say (it is a) small issue. If you think you are not capable, you should step down," said Gunasekaran. - September 4, 2013.

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