

Palanivel Wants Johor MIC Increase Membership Ahead Of 14th GE

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JOHOR BA HARU, July 7 (Bernama) -- MIC President Datuk G Palanivel wants Johor MIC to increase party membership in its 541 branches within the next two years ahead of the 14th general election.

He said it was to ensure a strong support among the state's Indian community towards the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"MIC Johor must increase party membership, especially among women and youths in the 541 branches in Johor," he said in Tamil when officiating the Johor MIC Liaison Body Convention here Sunday night.

He also wanted Johor MIC led by its chairman Datuk S Balakrisnan and leaders at every division to go down to the grassroots to give information on the policies of the federal and state governments.

Johor MIC was also told to strive in increasing the Indian community's participation in the state's public service.

MIC Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam told a media conference after the convention that six resolutions were presented at the convention, including the appointment of MIC representative as a Senator and Government Linked Companies (GLC) board director.

He said Johor was allocated two seats in the Dewan Negara, which were represented by Umno and MCA while MIC had yet to be given the opportunity.

Johor MIC, which supported the recent setting up of the Johor Housing and Real Property Board, also requested that the Indian community be allocated more quota to buy low cost houses and medium cost houses and shops, he said.

Besides that Johor MIC also asked that contractors from the community were given the opportunity to implement government projects.

The resolutions also give their full support to party president and Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled as Johor Menteri Besar.

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