

MIC Members Must Sit Together, Recognise Issues, Solve The Problems - Dr S. Subramaniam

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GEORGE TOWN, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- MIC deputy president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said there was an absolute need for the party to sit down together, in addressing the problem faced by the MIC.

He said the party has to bring the members who complained about irregularities in last year's MIC election together and recognise the issue before a solution is taken.

"The solution to this is to be holistic. First we recognise the issues. The earlier we recognise the issues, the faster we can solve them.

"Bring all the members together and discuss in the spirit of one team and to move forward, so that we can solve whatever problems there are, in a manner which is acceptable to everybody," he told reporters after visiting the Penang Hospital, in George Town, Monday.

Dr Subramaniam was asked on the statement by MIC president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel Sunday who had reportedly described the protestors at the party headquarters last week as a mere 'minority group of troublemakers'.

Dr Subramaniam who is also the Health Minister said the party could not afford to have long-term political bickering, group feuds and infighting anymore, or else MIC would face a major problem.

"The party has been weakened over the years since 2008. If we do not pull ourselves together, by 2018, we would face a major problem. I have expressed these views in the Central Working Committee (CWC)," he said.

Meanwhile, commenting on the proposal for the party's state leaders to be elected, Dr Subramaniam said the proposal was a good thing for the party to look at greater democracy in MIC.

"At the moment, all branch, division and national leaders in the MIC are elected. The only group that is appointed is the state leaders. We are thinking of how to have the state leadership elected. A committee is working on it," he added.

The Registrar of Societies (ROS) had nullified the election for the three vice-presidents and 23 CWC posts held during the party's general assembly in Melaka last November.

In the letter dated Dec 5, the ROS had recommended that a re-election be held within 90 days of the directive, following alleged irregularities and breach of the party's constitution and the Societies Act.

The ROS has also advised the MIC to not hold its annual general meeting until the matter was resolved.

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