

**MIC: We Will Not Allow De-Registration To Take Place - Palanivel
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri G.Palanivel today assured that the party leadership will not in any way allow de-registration of the party to take place.

He said there were fears that MIC will be de-registered within 90 days from December 5 2014, if no fresh polls were conducted.

He claimed there had been numerous allegations and misinformation being spread to the media in respect of the issue of the elections raised by the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

"Firstly, ROS had issued recommendations by letter dated December 5 2014 to MIC in relation to the allegations made by certain quarters after the elections for the Vice President and Central Working Committee (CWC) seats.

"These findings and recommendations were made without MIC being given any opportunity to answer them to the ROS," he said in a statement here, today.

On Dec 5, ROS had officially notified the MIC that its polls for the vice-president and CWC seats as well as some divisional elections were null and void due to certain irregularities and ordered the party to hold fresh polls for the said seats within 90 days.

Palanivel further said that he had immediately appointed lawyers to look into that issue and on the advice of lawyers, issued a letter dated December 24 last year seeking clarification and raised certain issues with the ROS to which they replied via a letter dated December 31 2014.

"Our lawyers are perusing all the issues and will advice on the next course of action in the near future. At this juncture, I am not able to give more details as it may prejudice MIC's rights," he said.

He said in the meantime, the party had again written to ROS on Jan 2 2015 requesting for extension of time, without prejudice to MIC's rights.

"I would like to make it clear that there are certain procedures and proper channels provided for in the Societies Act, 1966 in dealing with complaints and decisions made by the ROS," he said.

He added, together with the lawyers, the party was following proper procedures and had taken all measures necessary to protect the interest of MIC in this matter.

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