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Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law Ministry Suranjit Sengupta on Monday said the opinions of political parties outside parliament will also be sought on the proposed 16th amendment to the constitution. "The draft bill will come to me as chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law Ministry. I'll also call those (parties) that are outside parliament, seeking their opinions. If BNP wants, they too can give its opinion," he said.

The ruling Awami League wants to bring the 16th amendment to the constitution, aiming to restore the authority of parliament to impeach Supreme Court judges.

Suranjit, also an advisory council member of the ruling Awami League, said this while addressing a discussion meeting organised by Bangabandhu Academy at the Institute of Diploma Engineers in the city.

Apart from amending the constitution, a law will be needed to impeach judges, Suranjit said adding that all confusions will be removed once the law is enacted.

Suranjit welcomed Jatiya Party's move to withdraw its ministers from the cabinet saying that if the party does so it would help save parliamentary democracy.

"They (JaPa) will be able to emerge as the real opposition and gain the confidence of people. Then BNP would lose its importance as the opposition on the streets.

According to press reports, Jatiya Party of former military ruler HM Ershad has decided in principle to quit the government to be a real opposition.

Awami League Dhaka city unit vice-president Foyez Uddin Mia, among others, spoke at the meeting held with Bangabandhu Academy leader Nazir Mia in the chair.