

Dr. JP taking part in Round Table On judicial reforms

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Lok Satta Party President Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan is taking part in a Round Table on judicial reforms being conducted by Rashtriya Jagriti Sansthan at the India International Center in New Delhi today.

Justice J. S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India, Mr. Subash Kashyap, expert in Indian Constitution and Constitutional law and former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha, Dr. B. G. Verghese, eminent journalist, and Prof. Pai Panandikar, prominent economist, are among the participants.

It may be recalled that at the initiative of the Lok Satta, three eminent jurists -- Justice J. S. Verma, Justice M. N. Venkatachalaiah and Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer -- came together to suggest a model National Judicial Commission and the Indian Judicial Service.

The proposed Judicial Commission will have powers to appoint judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts and enforce accountability. Chaired by the Vice President of India at the national level, it will have members drawn from the Government, the Opposition and the judiciary.

According to Dr. JP, the proposal for an Indian Judicial Service is at an advanced stage of consideration. The ruling and Opposition parties are favorably inclined towards constitution of the Judicial Commission.