February Elections, No Public Concern: Legal Adviser



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Asif Nazrul, Adviser on Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs, has stated that there is no plan to delay the national parliamentary elections. The polls will be held on schedule, and all necessary arrangements will be made to conduct them in a festive atmosphere. On Sunday (9 November), he made these remarks to journalists after meeting with judges at the Legal Aid Office in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court building in Rajshahi.

He said there is no reason for confusion among the public regarding the elections. The government is committed to holding the elections in the first half of February. Political parties sometimes make various statements to create pressure, which may cause some concern. Asif Nazrul noted, "Elections have not been held in the last 16–17 years, so some people feel anxious. Additionally, 5 million people have not yet been able to vote, making this election even more significant." Ordinary citizens are eagerly awaiting the vote, and enthusiasm has already begun to build.

Regarding bail, he said it does not depend solely on the judge's decision. Importance is also given to police reports, video footage, or voice evidence. Bail will be granted where it is appropriate. However, granting bail to those who may re-offend or disrupt law and order and the environment would be concerning.

On the topic of court reforms, Asif Nazrul said, "Instead of one judge, three judges will now handle certain responsibilities to reduce the pressure of cases. We are taking various initiatives to reform the courts, which will ultimately benefit the public."