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## Baishya demands modernized ferry services in Assam



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Rajya Sabha member Birendra Prasad Baishya on Wednesday sought Centre's assistance help to modernize ferries in Assam two days after around 250 people were believed to have met watery grave when an overloaded boat capsized on the river Brahmaputra in Dhubri.

Raising the issue in the zero hour session of parliament, Baishya expressed grief over the accident. He called it one of the worst disasters in the country. He said that there was an urgent need to modernise these ferries.

He said that the ill-fated boat had sold 350 tickets and around 400 passengers were expected to be on board when it was struck by a storm in the Brahmaputra river.



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