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Assam Congress writes to PM, seeks enhanced aid for victims of Kaziranga accident



CHENNAI – 16 Nov, 2026 Assam Congress leader Debabrata Saikia on Sunday (November 15, 2026) urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to enhance compensation for victims of the Kaziranga minibus-truck collision, provide free treatment to the injured and livelihood assistance to families of the 26 deceased.

In the letter, the former leader of the opposition in the Assembly expressed concern over the deplorable condition of the National Highway-715 stretch and alleged that the authorities' neglect of essential road safety measures was disturbing.

Saikia demanded a thorough examination of the road's condition, design, maintenance, traffic management and safety arrangements, as well as urgent intervention on highway safety, healthcare and infrastructure of the region.

Appreciating the Prime Minister for announcing financial assistance immediately after the accident, he added that the magnitude of the tragedy demanded enhanced compensation and rehabilitation measures.

Administrative accountability must be fixed while the conduct of the drivers involved must also be investigated, the Congress leader said in the letter while expressing disappointment over the response of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who visited the accident site a day later on Saturday (November 14, 2026).