

Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Assam

Asom Gana Parishad



Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya is a 3-times Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha representing Assam from Asom Gana Parishad. He was Union Cabinet Minister of Steel and Mines under Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda and I. K. Gujral. He holds the role of Leader of AGP in the Rajya Sabha.

He was also Vice-Chairman, Commonwealth Games, New Delhi and Chef de Mission for Indian team at Asian Indoor Games, Vietnam as well as Indian Council, Tokyo Olympics.

Born in 1956, he holds B.A. (Hons.), M.A. (Economics) from Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam. He is a teacher and businessman by profession.

I. Career and Political Journey

Year	Position/Role
1996	Elected to 11th Lok Sabha representing Mangaldoi constituency, Assam
Jun 1996 - Mar 1998	Served as Union Cabinet Minister of Steel and Mines under Prime Ministers H. D. Deve Gowda and I. K. Gujral
1996	Led Government of India delegation to African Summit in Cameroon; advocated Indian permanent membership in UN Security Council
2008 – 2014	Elected to Rajya Sabha representing Assam for 1st Term
2008 – 2014	Leader of Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) in Rajya Sabha
2009	Chef de Mission for Indian team at Asian Indoor Games, Vietnam; Leader in Indian Council delegation, Tokyo Olympics
2010	Vice-Chairman, Games Village, Commonwealth Games, New Delhi
2019	Re-elected to Rajya Sabha representing Assam for 2nd Term
2025	Re-elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha for 3rd term; Leader of AGP in RS.
Sports Administration & Other Key Roles	President, Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF); Vice-President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA); Chairman, Ethics Commission (IOA); Vice-President, Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation; Vice-President, Asian Weightlifting Federation; Member, Executive Board – International Weightlifting Federation (IWF); Vice-President, NOC India

Parliamentary Performance	Attendance ~88% average; 141 debates; 565 questions asked; focus areas include Assam's development, infrastructure, petroleum & natural gas, climate change, OBC welfare, commerce, and external affairs
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II. Parliamentary Activities

- A. Overall attendance was 88%, participated in 141 debates and asked 565 questions.
- B. Major themes raised during debates:
 1. Advocating for the construction of bridges, such as the Majuli–Jorhat bridge, and the revival of old railway stations in Assam.
 2. Raising concerns about the current status and promoting industrial growth in the region.
 3. Environmental Conservation: Discussing rhino protection programs and the impact of climate change on the environment.
 4. Highlighting the inclusion of Northeast states' history and culture in NCERT textbooks.
 5. Addressing issues related to solar power projects, coal reserves, and petroleum subsidies.
 6. Promoting tea tourism and addressing challenges faced by small tea growers
- C. Major Questions asked:
 1. Tourism Development: Sought information on the development of tourist spots in Assam, including details of locations and central financial assistance provided for their beautification.
 2. Inquired about the status of the Majuli–Jorhat connecting bridge over the Brahmaputra, emphasizing its importance for regional connectivity.
 3. Questioned the status of solar power projects running across the country.
 4. Raised concerns about the scarcity of coal in the country, highlighting its implications for various industries and energy production.
 5. Inquired about the construction of double-track railway lines in Assam, focusing on their impact on transportation efficiency

III. Social Work and Community Engagement

- A. Advocated constitutional safeguards and Scheduled Tribe status for six indigenous Assam communities.
- B. Pressed government for flood relief, rehabilitation, and long-term flood management packages for Assam.

- C. Promoted employment and self-reliance programs among small tea growers and tribal populations.
- D. Supported infrastructure development to improve connectivity and basic amenities in rural and tribal Assam.
- E. Led and participated in healthcare, education, and flood relief camps in flood-affected Assam districts.
- F. Ensured effective reach of government schemes and funds to underprivileged, tribal, and marginalized groups.
- G. Worked to preserve and promote Assam's cultural heritage through awareness and community programs.
- H. Raised illegal immigration and border security issues, linking them to Assam's social and economic stability.
- I. Highlighted Assam's regional development needs on national platforms for stronger economic and social welfare support.

IV. Views on Business and Industry

- A. Supported Rs. 38,000 crore central investment in Assam's petroleum sector.
- B. Advocated Rs. 20,000 crore semiconductor industry project in Assam.
- C. Pushed for revival and expansion of Namrup Fertilizer Company.
- D. Promoted infrastructure schemes like UNNATI and PM-DevINE to boost industry and jobs.
- E. Urged declaring Assam's floods a national problem to protect the economy.
- F. Called for special packages and facilities for small tea growers.
- G. Supported MSME promotion, entrepreneurship schemes, and skill development programs.
- H. Stressed sustainable industrialization with tribal and local community welfare.
- I. Raised need for industrial testing and certification facilities in the Northeast.
- J. Backed measures against illegal immigration to safeguard economic stability.

V. Controversies

- A. Arrested in 2016 in Kasganj for allegedly violating Section 144 during a condolence visit.
- B. In July 2025, filmed in a heated argument with police in Meerut during a CM's event.
- C. Lost Meerut assembly seat in 2017 despite BJP's state-wide win.
- D. Faced earlier cases in the 2000s under IPC sections 147, 341, 424, 188 (no ongoing cases)
- E. Controversies largely tied to political disputes and administrative run-ins, not corruption or major scandals.

VI. Social Media and Media Presence Analysis

A. Social Media

1. [Instagram](#) - No account found
2. [Facebook](#) - No account found
3. [Twitter](#) - No account found

- B. **Electronic & Print Media:** Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya receives sustained coverage in both national and regional media, reflecting his stature as a senior Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) leader and former Union Minister. National outlets like The Times of India, Economic Times, The Hindu, and News On AIR often highlight his parliamentary interventions, policy advocacy, and role in securing investments for Assam's petroleum, semiconductor, and industrial sectors. His speeches on issues such as flood relief, tribal welfare, and regional development are regularly broadcast on Sansad TV and featured in national political reporting.
- Regional Assamese media — including The Assam Tribune, Uday Vani, and leading television channels — provide extensive coverage of his grassroots engagements, election campaigns, and social welfare initiatives. Reports often focus on his flood relief efforts, employment schemes for small tea growers and tribal communities, and advocacy against illegal immigration. His participation in cultural preservation and public welfare programs also finds regular mention. While national media emphasizes his legislative role and policy contributions, regional platforms showcase his direct connect with voters and local development activities