

River crossing in modern times by ferry-boat

Mirza Abdur Rob, Bulbul, Chalanbeel :: Bangladesh is a country of rivers. Many small and big rivers including Padma, Meghna, Jamuna, Dhaleswari, Kapotaksha, Arial Khan, Shitalaksha, Teesta, Surma, Gomati, Karatoya, Atrai, Baral flow through this country. Bangladesh is a country of six seasons, summer, monsoon, autumn, winter and spring, many say that the monsoon season is the most severe. Ashar and Shrabon monsoon season In the current season, all rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors have started receiving monsoon water. And in a few days, various places in Bangladesh surrounded by rivers will be filled with flood water.

The ancient tradition of rural Bengal is that during the monsoon season, the only means of transportation for people in the canals, beels, rivers, haors and baor areas of rural Bengal is to cross the river in a ferry- boat. In the modern digital era, 40% of the people in rural Bengal still cross the river in a ferry- boat during the monsoon season.

In addition, during the dry season, people in the river, canals, beels, haors and baor areas cross on bamboo bridges. At present, when we conduct on-site investigations in some areas, it is seen that due to the lack of boatmen, people cross the river by tying ropes on both sides of the river and riding boats from one side of the river to the other, risking their lives.

The general public on the river banks said that if bridges are built in these areas, it can change the quality of life of people on the river banks.

They also said that it will open up new horizons in the transportation of millions of people living on the river

banks. Due to climate change, these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors are losing their ancient heritage and form day by day.

During the monsoon season, when you look at these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors, there is pure water all around, creating a charming atmosphere in the area. Small, medium and large boats are playing in this water. Tourists and entertainment lovers coming from different areas are roaming from one end of these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors in their boats.

Every day, thousands of tourist and entertainment lovers come from different areas to see the ancient heritage and form of these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors. The ancient heritage and ancient form of these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors change during the monsoon season.

At the end of the day, when the sun sets in the water in the evening, it is a wonderful sight all around. With the onset of monsoon, the crowd of people who are thirsty for travel and entertainment is constantly increasing at its various points.

During the monsoon season, hundreds of boats float in these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors, and entertainment lovers enjoy their visit. During the monsoon season, all these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors of this country are filled with flood water.

With the new water, various types of fish including native species of shoal, bowal, shing, koi, chapila, puti, baila, taki, pabda, chital and others come out of the rivers. The lowlands of the entire country are completely flooded with monsoon water. During the monsoon water, fishing has become a boom in these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors, and people of other professions besides fishermen have taken fishing as a separate profession during this time.

People in this region are ferrying goods by boat, some are

fishing by boat, and some are crossing people. On-site information shows that some are selling different types of fishing nets in the markets of this area, and craftsmen have built boats for fishing.

The roads in remote areas are submerged in the monsoon water. During the monsoon season, boats are the only means of transportation for people in these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors across the country.

The countrymen believe that the demand for boats is a little higher this year compared to other years. Rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors in different areas of the country have already been flooded with flood water. Many have completed the construction and repair of boats before the onset of the monsoon.

This season, a large number of entertainment lovers and travelers are being seen in these rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors. Every morning, groups of people from different areas come to visit, and they spend the whole day riding boats and roaming around on the water.

In various villages of Bangladesh, the quality of life of rural towns is still lagging behind due to the lack of small and big bridges and culverts. From ancient times to the present time, the government has been getting lease money from these river boats. In addition to daily essential work, the people of these areas, lakhs of students risk their lives to cross the river in ferry-boats.