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Title: Issue regarding protection of Kirtan Ghor in Barpeta, Assam.

*SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA (GAUHATI): Hon. Speaker Sir, I will be speaking in the colloquial language which is spoken in my in-law's place, Barpeta. Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal ji also wants me to speak in the colloquial language spoken in Barpeta. Do you know that Assam's largest Kirtan Ghor exists in Barpeta? Around 550 years ago Mahapurush Shri Shri Sankardeva and Shri Shri Madhavdeva established this Kirtan Ghor. They lit the 'Akhshay Bonti', i.e. the Eternal flame. This flame is still burning. That's why the Assamese people compares Barpeta with Kashi, Mathura, and Puri.

The religious programmes continue in the Kirtan Ghor round the clock. Kirtan Ghors are also there in Patbausi, Ganakkusi, Sunetdia and Baradi. Sankardeva composed Gunamala overnight in this place and he gifted it to the King Naranarayana. This Kirton Ghor is being maintained by Bura Satrudhikar and Deka Satradhikar. The famous Vrindavani Vastra was woven under the guidance of Shri Shri Sankardeva in Barpeta. This Vrindarani Vastra is still very famous. It has been kept in the British museum. Barpeta is famous for its 'Doul' festival. Thousands of people visit Barpeta to take part in 'Doul'. Borgeet, Thiya naam of Barpeta are also very famous.