

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3203
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BASUMATI PRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to take over the Basumati Press and Martin and Burn Company as announced in Railway Budget for 2009-2010;
- (b) if so, the details of the present status of that project;
- (c) whether the Railways had abandoned those proposals;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if not, likely time frame by which the take over would be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) Taking over of Basumati press & Burn Standard Co Ltd was announced in the Railway Budget 2009-10.
- (b) to (e) Ministry of Railways had approached Govt. of West Bengal last year to hand over Basumati Press. Since, Govt. of West Bengal had responded that they have made substantial investment in this institution over the years, Ministry of Railways had requested Govt. of West Bengal to furnish the latest balance sheet of Basumati Press along with assessment report by a Chartered Accountant on financial status of the unit etc., A reply from Govt. of West Bengal has not been received.

As regards taking over of Burn Standard Co. Ltd., the Govt. approval for the transfer of the company under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways has already been obtained and the Ministry of Railways has already placed orders for manufacture of wagons during 2010-11.