

perhaps it is working below capacity or its products are too dear?

"Not at all," retorted the director of the factory, G.V. Ignatovich. "In a single year we produce 17,500 suites valued at 15 million roubles. The retail price is between 542 and 868 roubles, depending on the cost of assembly. Despite the interruption in the supply of materials and equipment, particularly wood fibreboard and plastic veneer, during the first half of the year the factory collective succeeded in fulfilling the plan. We are making the transition to full profit-and-loss accounting.

About two years ago a number of production oriented innovations were made here. The furniture became less material-intensive and more technologically efficient in serial production.

Evidently, the citizens of Brest would have been more than content with this furniture. This is because, in disposing of its output the factory has its own boss: the Ministry of Trade. In accordance with the latter's multiple purchase order, 40 per cent of the suites are being distributed by way of the Oblast centres of the Belorussian SSR, with the remaining 60 per cent routed to the Central Asian republics, town in the Urals region, Siberia, etc. This goes by the name of inter-republic deliveries.

Here then is the reply to your question:
"Can one buy furniture in Brest?"

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