

V.V. Mashkov, Kirovograd Territorial Electoral District, Sverdlovsk Oblast. "Valerii Aleksandrovich, I am astonished that you did not name the Sverdlovsk Oblast as one of the areas of Russia where the forests are being catastrophically destroyed, for it is common knowledge that due to the actions of the timber ministry there, we are soon going to be transformed into bedouins. I have made a personal appeal to the President on this matter, and also to the former Minister, asking that they immediately put a stop to the cutting of forests in the territory of the Sverdlovsk Oblast. But they have even formed some cooperatives there."

M.A. Mityukhov, Abakan Territorial Electoral District, Khakassian Autonomous Oblast, Member of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR. "May I, upon returning to my constituents, reassure them by saying that measures will be taken to put an end to the cutting of the forests in the Urals"?

V.A. Shubin. "As regards the Sverdlovsk Oblast, my information indicates that with the existing felling volume, there will only be enough mature and overmature forests for the next thirteen years. This is very little. Accordingly, this region is deserving of very serious attention with respect to a revision of the allowable cut."

M.A. Mityukhov, "Here in Moscow, until now, Siberia has been regarded as a region with a timber surplus. Unfortunately, as a result of the injurious exploitation of our forests, in Khakassia in the southern part of the Krasnoyarsk Krai almost all of the cedars have been cut down, and this is affecting the climate. What action is the Ministry proposing to take for the preservation of the remaining pockets of valuable species such as cedar"?

V.A. Shubin. "I have already presented data on the shrinkage of the areas covered by cedar. But we must also keep in mind that cedar is a material which we need in order to produce pencils. Although a pencil would seem to be a trivial object, 250,000 cubic metres are required for it."