

At the same time, the leasing contract is running into considerable difficulty in the enterprises of our industry. The habit of biding one's time and awaiting orders from the top remains strongly entrenched. Many petition-bearers are still besieging the Ministry in hopes of getting additional funds or resources. Social passivity, it seems to me, is one of the main factors inhibiting perestroika in the forest sectors. In many respects, then, the rights and opportunities afforded to enterprises are far from being fully utilised. We must now bend every effort to learn how to work in the new way: to count every rouble and to teach our workers, foremen, craftsmen and supervisors of production subdivisions to do the same. We must master the ability to predict the state of the market, make timely and direct deals with the consumers, and be bolder in solving personnel problems.

It is clear that there is no time to waste! Already by the fourth quarter of this year, 43 losing logging enterprises must make the transition to the leasing contract, and beginning in January 1989, all of the other "backward" enterprises must do the same. Of course, nobody should be forced into leasing. This is a voluntary matter. What is required is that the explanatory material be well organized, so that people understand the advantages of the progressive system, what they themselves stand to gain from it.

It is also very important to improve the material-and-technical supply situation. More than once in the past progressive undertakings have run up against deficiencies there. The leasing contract, however, has the advantage that the standard of maintenance of the machinery and equipment will be greatly improved. Consequently, the consumption of spare parts, fuels and lubricants and other materials will be reduced.

One thing is clear: by 1990, there should not be any so-called planned-loss enterprises in the industry. The experience of the Badzhei logging enterprise of "Krasnoyarsklesprom", the Mezhevaya logging enterprise of "Kostromalesprom", the Vygoda forestry enterprise of "Prikkarpatles", and some others, show what can be achieved even today,