

day there are 82 incoming and outgoing source documents, and for each engineering and technical worker of the administration, including the directors, there are 150 in a year.

Of course, the most active "correspondent" is the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry. Last year, a total of 4,485 Orders (prikaz), official records, letters and telegrams were received from sector headquarters, which is an average of 18 per working day and is 575 more than in 1988. How can we speak about administrative independence when the ministry regulates almost every step that the loggers and woodworkers take?

"If something has gone up in our department, it is the productivity of bureaucratic officialdom", declares the Head of the Association's Economics Department, Deputy General Director B. Khrabrov. "The flow of all kinds of documents is increasing. How often has the need been stated for shortening statistical returns in general! However, USSR Goskomstat (State Committee on Statistics) has done nothing positive in this direction. The book-keeping forms, approved by a high authority tens of year ago, have remained unchanged, except that they have become a little longer.

All this is forcing "Tyumenlesprom" to increase the volume of paperwork. Every day the dispatcher service collects from the enterprises information on 76 indices, which means that an average of 1,400 to 1,500 "boxes" are being filled with figures. Everything is to be found there: beams, skidding, cross-cutting, temporary stoppages of machinery, sawing and woodworking indices. All this goes on around-the-clock and with a cumulative total for the 24-hour period. In the evening the information on 17 positions is communicated to the duty officer for the Ministry of the Timber Industry and on the following morning, in an expanded form to the MICC. Furthermore, on a daily basis, data on shipments of forest products, with a breakdown for the assortments, are reported to MICC for both domestic and foreign consumers.