

not satisfy the builders. The volume of production of building materials in the city of Pokrovsk in the Yakut ASSR did not meet the demands of the capital of the autonomous republic and the large enterprises. The shortage was covered by means of the delivery of structures and materials via the Northern Sea Route or along the Lena. We are not aware of any expansion of the production of building materials in Pokrovsk, but let us assume that the government of the Yakut ASSR has provided for this in its plans.

An analogous situation exists with respect to many other types of goods delivered to the Extreme North. We cannot leave the population of these regions without the necessary resources, even if the cost of transporting them is high at the present time.

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Who Will Compensate for Them?

A letter written by Yu. Smirnov, Captain of the RK-60 of the LORP (Lena United River Steamship Agency) operating out of Zyryanka river port, was published in "Vodnyy Transport" on 21 November 1989. I consider it necessary to deal with the subject matter in somewhat greater detail.