

"Roman-gazetu" has risen by a factor of 1.4. The increases in the circulations of other magazines enjoying an increased demand have also been substantial.

The fact that the increases in the circulations of the periodicals have outstripped the growth rates in paper production has given rise to difficulties in the supply of paper.

With the object of eliminating the acute situation confronting the 1989 subscription drive, decisions have been taken which will result in a curtailment of exports, an increase in the production of newsprint and printing paper, a decrease in the funds allocated to ministries and departments for purchases of paper for office needs, and a reduction in the output of books and pamphlets enjoying a limited public demand.

These measures have made it possible to remove the limitations (in addition to the decisions taken earlier) on subscriptions to the newspapers "Komsomol'skaya Pravda" and "Trud", and to increase the circulations of a number of popular magazines.

To ensure that future demands for newsprint will be met, a government decision has been taken which calls for modernization of the paper mills at the Balakhna, Kondopoga and Solikamsk combines during the period 1989 - 1995. This will result in an increase in newsprint production capacities of between 540,000 and 580,000 tonnes, or a 30 per cent increase over current capacities.

There is also provision in the 13th Five-Year Plan to embark on the building of a Yeniseisk pulp-and-paper combine (Krasnoyarsk Kray)