

It is anticipated that priority will be given to developments in this sphere, in order that the standard of living of forestry workers will conform to the social norms set by USSR Gosplan. The average monthly wage will have to be increased to 370-380 roubles by 2005.

A radical improvement will be needed in the personnel recruitment situation. By 2005, at least half of the key personnel will be graduates of technical trade schools and training centres.

Under the conditions imposed by profit-and-loss accounting, the mechanical control of production based on the notion "order - execution" will become unacceptable. Between 13,000 and 14,000 foresters will need to be retrained, so that they can engage in original work which will provide for the rapid economic development and technological improvement of the industry.

In the labour protection field the prospects are that industrial injuries and sickness will have decreased from the present level by at least 20 to 25 per cent by 1995, by 30 to 40 per cent by 2000 and by 40 to 50 per cent by 2005, and that the maximum possible reduction will have been achieved in the number of workers engaged in heavy physical labour. The use of female labour in heavy manual work will have been eliminated.

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