

In the course of the discussion the attention of directors who had come from the production sites focussed on the incompatibility of a drop in production volumes with the economic well being of the enterprises. Today, many forest-based industrial enterprises (lespromkhozy) are in difficult straits. Their own circulating funds are two to three times below the norm. It is impossible to climb out of the financial hole without exerting maximum effort during the warm season. It is high time to stop counting on "kind uncle" and living by the principle that "maybe things will work out".

Mention was also made of the unsatisfactory work of the Altai Tractor Plant, which during the last three years has short-delivered some 2,500 TT-4 tractors, thereby aggravating the existing very difficult situation with respect to the availability of logging machinery. The Ministry of Tractor and Agricultural Machinery Manufacture should take immediate steps to dissociate itself from the work of this enterprise, since it is running the loggers onto a sandbank.

And finally, there is the ongoing problem of the supply of railway cars. For the Ministry as a whole, it stood at 82 per cent of the requirement for the first quarter. No such thing had ever occurred before.

On the Northern and Sverdlovsk railways the situation is even worse. Consequently, work had become virtually paralysed in "Tyumen'lesprom", "Sverdlesprom" and "Komilesprom".

In order to make up for the arrears which were allowed to develop during the January-March period, calculated volumes were adopted for the second and third quarters in the amounts of 34 million and 32.6 million cubic metres for timber extraction and 40.5 million and