

The Ministry's Main Information Computing Centre (MICC) has been ordered to provide for the collection and processing of data on the appropriate forms and within established time frames.

In remembering that there is nothing more constant than the temporary, I asked the head of the Department of Supply and Sales of "Tyumenlesprom" (Tyumen Timber Industry Association), A. Gruzdev, for an explanation.

"From the point of view of the assortments listed in the Order (prikaz), the volumes of product deliveries to the consumers are included in the State order (goszakaz) for the Association and are monitored by the local agencies of the State Committee for Material and Technical Supply (Gossnab)", said Anatolii Andreevich. "In order to submit the return, we are taking the data collected at Tyumenlessnabsbyt' (Tyumen Timber Supply and Sales) and reporting them to sector headquarters, which means that each is duplicating the other. The feeling is that it would be preferable for the Ministry's MICC to obtain the information from the primary source - from the corresponding department of Gossnab which is also situated in Moscow. An alternative way would be to increase the staff of our department, to provide for the collection, processing and transmission of these data to the Ministry of the Timber Industry."

Yes, documents, documents... the flow of them is becoming increasingly menacing and is paralysing the work of engineering and technical personnel. While figures are unquestionably boring, certain of them, I suppose, should be designated as being not without interest.

Here are the registration logs of the incoming and outgoing documents of "Tyumenlesprom". In 1989, 8,620 of them arrived there, but 11,768 were sent out by the Association. Simple estimates show that for each working