

and fifty lots. But while the land appropriation formalities were being worked out, the number of potential home-owners dropped by a factor of ten - people just didn't have the patience. To be sure, in the course of our "round table" broadcast, the society's director S. Taslitskii optimistically said that things would now improve. I. Shkol'nik, director of Glavtyumen'stroimaterialy, and N. Bochkarev, director of Tyumen'glavsnab, were also unstinting of their promises to individual builders.

However, the letters to our journalists, the telephone calls to the "SG" headquarters and the television studio, bore witness, unfortunately, to the many obstacles remaining to individual construction. The numerical confirmation is superfluous - in the first six months, of the 36.6 thousand square metres of individual houses planned for the region this year, only 1.7 thousand were delivered.

It is a very difficult task to provide every family with an apartment or individual house in the short period remaining to the year 2000. For Tyumen' it is many times more complicated. And yet, despite all the shortcomings we have written about, it is impossible to ignore how energetically the conditions for fulfillment of the housing programme are now being created.

In just a few days, the regional session of people's deputies will examine the draft housing programme, taking into consideration the comments and proposals made by Tyumen' residents in the course of the debate.

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