

profit-and-loss accounting system. Furthermore, the RSFSR Ministry of Forestry's central fund for the acquisition of new equipment is 60 million roubles less this year than last...

L.P.: N.M. Prilepo, the RSFSR Minister for Forestry, at a recent Ministry board meeting, managed to convince the directors of the forestry administrations to accept the "Rosleskhozmash" equipment all the same. But such practices will no longer be tolerated. The entire industry is switching to the new system and even the Minister will be unable to force a forestry enterprise to take on unnecessary equipment.

L.G.K.: It's not that our equipment isn't useful. In my opinion you have made a mistake in this respect. It's just that, given the shortage of funds, any enterprise would be more willing to buy a logging truck than one of our sowers. The Minister was really just concerned about the fact that the industry's job is reforestation. First of all, we have to work on mechanizing these operations. Anything else is really a luxury.

Yet, all the same, I agree with your main point - pronouncements from above are no longer the answer. We have to find different solutions. In particular, we have to study the demand better and learn how to be more flexible and quick to redistribute production. A product that one person doesn't want might well be needed by someone else. In general, despite these difficulties, I have no doubt that our products will sell. Our product is in demand.

L.P.: Excuse me, but is this because it is good or simply because there is no alternative? There is no competition after all. The choice is simple: either your units or no units at all...