

paper - 5,922,000 tonnes;

lumber - 37.7 million cubic metres;

furniture - 7.25 billion roubles worth;

wallpaper - 471.5 million standard lengths.

For the Ministry as a whole, contracted obligations for product deliveries were fulfilled to the extent of 97.5 per cent. Nevertheless, a total of 369 enterprises, i.e. every second one, failed to cope with the plan for deliveries. The economy suffered a shortfall of 650 million roubles worth of products. Underdeliveries included: round timber - 1.7 million cubic metres and as much again of specially made chips and sawn timber; plywood - 168 thousand cubic metres; cardboard - 36.7 thousand tonnes; fodder yeast - 24 thousand tonnes; wood particle board - 190 thousand cubic metres; and wood packing material - 151 thousand cubic metres.

The worst performers were the "Irkutsklesprom", "Sakhalinlesprom", "Dal'lesprom", "Zabaikallesprom" and "Kazmebel'lesprom" associations.

Improvements were made in the economic functioning of the associations. Extra-plan profit for the Ministry amounted to 417 million roubles. This represents an increase of 19.3 per cent over the figure for 1987.

Labour productivity increased by 7.9 per cent in comparison with 1987, notwithstanding a planned growth rate of 3.4 per cent. The entire increment in commodity output was due to the increase in labour productivity.

The standard relationship was maintained between salary increases and labour productivity.

A series of measures were implemented with a view to accelerating scientific and technological progress.