

enterprises in resolving problems of socio-economic development. And, judging by the letters to the editor, there are many such limitations. One of them is ;the subject of a 'round table' discussion by correspondence organized by Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta.

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Income from a self-supporting basis. Profit. For enterprises operating on the principle of self-financing, this is not only a goal summarizing their finance and production activity, but also the means of further socio-economic development. For this reason, the forthcoming conversion of the production enterprise "Almazdortrans" of the "Yakutalmaz" joint enterprise to full self-support is already forcing us to seek out all possible reserves of profitable work.

Obviously, such preparation is impossible without developing the means and incentives to increase the productivity of labour. The problem of increasing productivity is particularly critical for enterprises located in the regions of the Far North. There exists a considerable deficit of labour resources here, even at the present time. At the same time, attracting workers from other regions of the country to these enterprises is quite expensive, both for the enterprises and for the state as a whole.

It would seem that it is precisely here that every economic lever available for productivity increases should be used to the fullest extent. However, the matter is otherwise. Why? Because for