



## Source 2

**Official USSR machinery production targets for 1938, reported by the British ambassador in Moscow**

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### Questions

1. What was the overall percentage increase in total output planned for 1938?
2. How much harder were the workers being asked to work in 1938?
3. Compare this source with source 1. What new types of products were being planned for in 1938 that weren't mentioned in the 1936 source?
4. Do you think that many other governments had such detailed production plans?
5. A hero may be someone noted for their special achievements or their bold exploits. Could Stalin have been seen as a hero because of his Five Year Plans?



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I. MEASURES PRESCRIBED FOR ENSURING FULFILMENT  
OF MACHINERY CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTION PLAN FOR 1938.

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1. The State production plan for 1938 shall be fixed as follows:-

Increase in total output (in 1926/27 prices) as compared with the preliminary results shown in 1937 ... .. to the extent of		21.9%
Increase in labour output	-do-	16.0%
Decrease in cost of production	-do-	5.4%

OUTPUT OF THE MORE IMPORTANT BRANCHES EXPRESSED IN GENERAL TERMS:

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Unit of calculation</u>	<u>Plan for 1938</u>
Steam boilers:	000 of sq.m	166.8
Steam turbines:	000 of kwt.	1699.3
Transformers (motors):	000 of k.v.a.	4000.0
Metal cutting tools:	thousands	20.0
Locomotives (calculated on an "E" & "S.U" basis):	units	1469
Railway freight waggons (4-axle type):	thousands	41.5
Railway passenger cars:	units	2100
Agricultural machinery construction (Glavselmash production):	millions of Rbs.	847.5
Combines:	thousands	30.0
Textile equipment (Glavlegmash production):	millions of Rbs.	280.0
Food Industry equipment:	-do-	86.0
Automobiles:	thousands of units	216.5
Automobile spare parts:	millions of Rbs.	360.0
Tractors (caterpillar):	thousands	41.0
Tractors (for ploughing):	-do-	15.0
Tractor spares:	millions of Rbs.	300.0
Metal general consumption products (1932 prices):	-do-	670.0
Gramophones:	thousands	700.0
Gramophone records:	millions	50.0
Watches (fob):	thousands	625.0
Automobile tyres	-do-	4050.0
Rubber Footwear	millions of pairs	105.0