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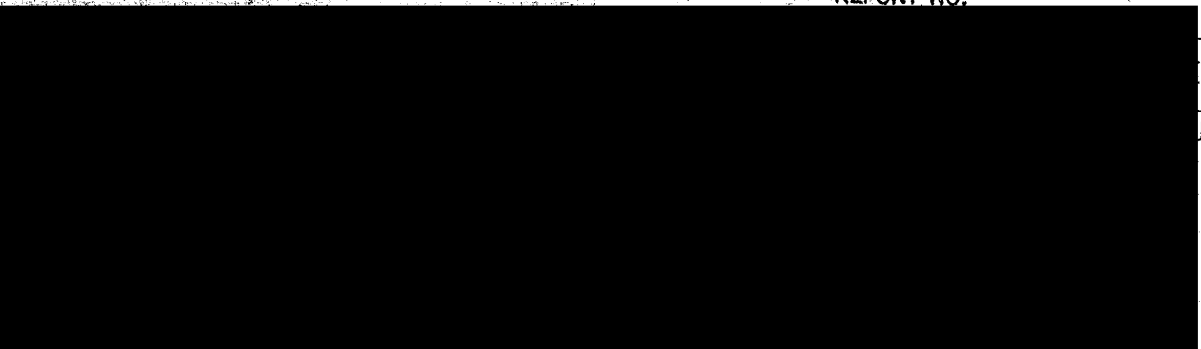
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1. All reparations deliveries involving industrial finished products are paid through the State government of Saxony, Department of Reparations. This agency is not handling the payment of semi-finished products and raw materials needed for reparations orders.
2. In order to receive payment, the manufacturer must submit to the Reparations Department a certified bill showing that the goods ordered by the SMA have actually been delivered. The Reparations Department will then examine the bill and honor it after it has been found in order.
3. The business handled daily by the Reparations Department has been averaging RM 1,400,000 during the period 21 March to 21 April; the lowest daily expenditure has been RM 624,230, while the highest expenditure amounted to RM 2,134,050.

About 33% of all bills submitted concern textile goods, another 40% refer to machines, and the remainder is made up of various goods. During the period mentioned, bills paid included over 170 items, of which a few are listed here as a representative sample:

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| Compressed air plants | Presses |
| Press-hoops | Paper-cutting machines |
| Electric pumps | Automatic test apparatus |
| Vacuum pumps | X-ray installations |
| Cardboard boxes | Copper pipes |
| Paper machines | Reflectors |

5. As a rule, prices are based on the 1944 stop-prices; it has, however, occurred repeatedly that the Russians lowered prices 15 - 20% for textile goods and standard wooden houses, allegedly on account of defective deliveries.
6. The manufacturers, in addition to old established industrial firms, include a large number of smaller concerns and small shops employing only a few men. No reparations orders were filled by Soviet AGs.

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