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A criminal case has been opened against the general director of the Ostrovnoy fish processing plant

The question about the company's wage arrears was asked during Putin's "direct line"

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Moscow. April 14. INTERFAX.RU - The wage arrears to the staff of ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy and OOO Ostrovnoy Rybokombinat, which former employees of these enterprises asked President Vladimir Putin about during the "direct line", are currently being paid off, and a criminal case has been opened against the general director, the press service of the Sakhalin Region prosecutor's office reports.

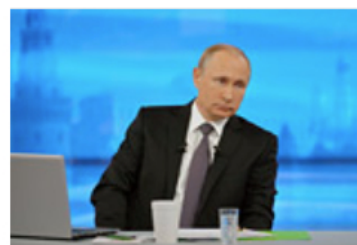
The prosecutor's office conducted an inspection of these enterprises, where in March 2016, facts of wage arrears to 229 employees were uncovered for a total of 10 million 571 thousand rubles.

"Based on the results of measures previously taken by the prosecutor's office, as of April 1, 2016, the debt to OOO Ostrovnoy Rybokombinat (almost 3.4 million rubles) was paid in full, and to ZAO Ostrovnoy Rybokombinat - only partially (394 thousand rubles). The total amount of wage debt to employees of the closed joint-stock company currently amounts to 6.8 million rubles," the report says.

According to the press service, the Kuril Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Sakhalin Region is currently investigating a criminal case initiated based on the materials of the prosecutor's inspection against the general director of ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy under parts 1 and 2 of Article 145.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (non-payment of wages for more than 2 months).

In addition, in accordance with the administrative cases initiated by the prosecutor's office, ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy was brought to administrative responsibility in the form of fines in the total amount of 120 thousand rubles, and the general director was disqualified. At the same time, a representation was made to the head of this legal entity. In the interests of the employees who contacted the prosecutor's office, claims were sent to the court.

The situation with the payment of wage arrears at ZAO Rybokombinat Ostrovnoy is under the control of the regional prosecutor's office, the press service notes.

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During a direct line with the president, former employees reported that at the Ostrovnoy Fish Factory CJSC on Shikotan Island (Southern Kuril Islands), the company's employees, including seasonal ones, have not received their wages for 2-3 months.

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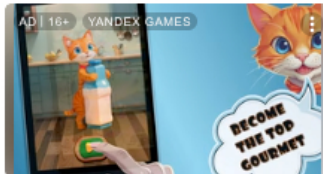
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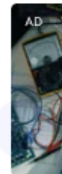
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The Central Bank proposed allowing "special" investors to conduct experimental transactions with cryptocurrency

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Moscow. March 12. INTERFAX.RU - The Bank of Russia has proposed allowing a limited circle of investors to buy and sell cryptocurrencies; for this purpose, it is planned to establish a special experimental legal regime (EPR) for a period of three years, the Central Bank said in a statement.

This proposal and a number of others have been prepared in accordance with the President's instructions and sent to the government for discussion.

It is assumed that only "particularly qualified investors" will be able to make transactions with cryptocurrencies within the EPR. This is a new status that citizens are supposed to be able to obtain if their investments in securities and deposits exceed 100 million rubles or if their income for the past year was more than 50 million rubles.

It is also proposed that the participants in the experiment be companies that are qualified investors under current legislation (i.e. organizations that professionally operate in the stock market, such as banks, insurance companies, brokers and trust managers, non-state pension funds and management companies of mutual investment funds).

For financial institutions that want to invest in cryptocurrency, the Bank of Russia plans to establish regulatory requirements taking into account the level and nature of risks of such an asset.

The introduction of the EPR is aimed at increasing the transparency of the cryptocurrency market, forming standards for the provision of services, and expanding investment opportunities for experienced investors who are ready to take on increased risks, the Central Bank notes.

Outside of the experimental regime, it is planned to allow all qualified investors to invest in settlement derivatives, securities and digital financial assets that do not provide for the delivery of cryptocurrency to investors, but the return on which is tied to its value.

At the same time, the Central Bank still does not consider cryptocurrency as a means of payment, therefore it proposes to simultaneously introduce a ban on settlements between residents on transactions with cryptocurrency outside the EPR, as well as establish liability for violating the ban, the regulator's statement says.

The Central Bank also reminded again that private cryptocurrency is not issued or guaranteed by any jurisdiction, is based on mathematical algorithms and is subject to increased volatility, so investors, when deciding to invest in cryptocurrencies, should be aware that they are taking on the risks of potential loss of their funds.

Earlier, Alexey Yakovlev, Director of the Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Policy, reported that the Finance Ministry and the Central Bank were discussing the launch of organized trading in digital currency within Russia within the framework of the EPR, in which participants from the category of "super-qualified" investors would be able to participate. "Speaking about trading in digital currencies, this is not just an idea, this is a task that is being undertaken. We hope that it will be implemented in the near future, most likely in the format of an experimental legal regime," Yakovlev said.

Currently, citizens in Russia have the right to buy and own cryptocurrency, but using it for payments within the country is prohibited. Due to the lack of a Russian centralized exchange, digital currency can only be purchased on foreign exchange platforms.

Since September 1 last year, the Central Bank has launched an experiment that allows participants in foreign economic activity to make payments in cryptocurrency. A special law was adopted for this purpose. As part of this experiment, the Central Bank can establish rules for trading digital currency and create an operator for settlements in cryptocurrency based on the National Payment System



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