

iii) establish a standard for natural gas pricing and specify the structure and rate of conveying the natural gas through pipe lines.

iv) allow import of coal and the government should fix the ceiling for import tax at 25 % throughout the period of the sixth NESDP.

#### 2.3.6 Energy saving policy

Set up an organization to be responsible for energy saving in the transportation, industrial and commercial sectors in order to facilitate the process to its best result.

#### 2.3.7 Increasing the capability of refinery and oil import

It is aimed to improve and upgrade the local refineries to international standard. Fuel oil will be imported only with strict consideration. Private investors will be encouraged to invest in refinery business so as to increase efficiency and flexibility of the business and also to free the government from financial hardship.

#### 2.3.8 Promotion of the research, development, manufacturing and utilization of the non-conventional energy

Government agencies, educational institutes and private organizations will be encouraged to conduct researches on non-conventional energy. Taxes and fees on the equipments used for this purpose will be specifically adjusted so as to initiate both the manufacturers and the users to take part in the investment and utilization of non-conventional energy.

#### 2.3.9 Promotion of the production and utilization of suitable energy forms in rural areas

Promote the home-grown trees to be used as firewood and encourage the private sector to develop and maintain forests for commercial purpose. Make the technology in energy saving more widely known; support the development of bio-energy and the use of LPG and electricity in rural areas based on market prices without price subsidy.

#### 2.3.10 Energy management and roles of government and private sector in energy development

Under the present energy management structure, unify the various committees, sub-committees, working groups dealing with energy planning and set up a council of committees to take over the responsibilities.