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Management of Fuel / Electricity Expenditure

It has become a national responsibility of all the Government Institutions to give priority and extend fullest co-operation to consume fuel and electricity economically in view of the revision of oil prices and electricity tariff in the local market, while managing their expenditure. The expected main objectives in increasing these prices are to reduce the foreign exchange that is being spent annually to import oil for generating energy while giving more attention on measures of alternative energy which can be found locally, and to utilize more efficient technology in consumption and production sectors in the long run.

2. As the Ministries, Departments and other Government Institutions are utilizing a major share of these commodities, it is the responsibility of such agencies to set an example to others by adopting energy conserving measures for controlling and minimizing related expenditure. Such action will not only help in the reduction of total government expenditure but also be an exemplary model to the other sectors. Your attention is, therefore, drawn to the need to applying productive measures to control fuel and electricity related expenditure.
3. Accordingly, all the secretaries are responsible to ensure that the expenditure on fuel and electricity of institutions within their purview, are managed within the provisions of the estimate 2012, and also based on the expenditure incurred for these items in January 2012 as a benchmark, without exceeding such limits. No additional allocation or fund transfers under financial regulations for these items will be approved by the Treasury in 2012.

4. For this purpose, all government institutions will have to ensure the curtailment of unnecessary expenditure, minimizing the usage of the number of pool vehicles that are being used for daily office management, fieldwork, seminars, workshops etc.
5. Further, it is essential to ensure that the expenditure on **fuel**, electricity and **air-conditioners** are being properly managed and desired outcome are achieved through personally monitoring this expenditure by Chief Accounting Officers and the Chief **Accountants**.
6. Therefore, you are requested to consider adopting the following measures as far as possible.
  - To limit the maximum monthly expenditure of fuel and electricity from March 2012 limiting the maximum expenditure at the level incurred in January 2012 as a responsibility of all heads of the institutions.
  - To utilize the electricity economically by applying measures such as, switching off the Air-conditioners until 10.00 a.m. and after 3.00 p.m. as proposed by the CEB.
  - As far as possible to arrange group transport instead of using individual vehicles.
  - To implement the existing fuel limits strictly.
  - In addition to the controlling of expenditure on fuel and electricity, it is necessary to curtail the unnecessary wasteful costs related to purchasing of daily news papers, telephone bills, printing of expensive invitation cards for different occasions, diaries and greeting cards, etc.
  - To implement any other special actions for utilizing fuel and electricity optimally, depending on the nature of specific activities of each institution, drawing the attention of all the staff of the institutions.

06. The cooperation and the example set by the public sector in utilizing fuel and electricity optimally with special expenditure management methods is very much appreciated.

**Sgd;**  
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