Fuel prices will be reduced by removing the excessive Rs. 40 billion tax levied by the government. Special concessions will be given to public transport services, Three-Wheelers and motor cycles. A price formula will be formulated for fuel and electricity charges. An integrated time table will be prepared for a common State and private bus service and for train services.

Energy constitutes one of the foremost factors deciding the future of the country. The transport sector totally depends on imported oil. Sixty to seventy percent of power generation also depends on imported oil and coal. The oil and electricity demand forecast of Sri Lanka indicates that the demand will double during the next 15 years. At present the process of purchasing coal and oil is corrupt and it is a large scale fraud in Sri Lanka. Hence a handful fatten their pockets while the ordinary people who consume energy suffer. I will take systematic action to completely halt this situation and provide benefits to the people.
Accordingly

- At this moment when oil prices have plummeted in the world market I will remove the over Rs 40 billion government tax on oil and pass over its benefit to the people as an immediate solution. Special subsidies will be given for public transport services, Three Wheelers and Motor cycles. The price of a domestic LP Gas cylinders will be reduced by Rs 300/-.

- As a long term solution to the fuel and electricity consumer pricing issue a suitable price formula will be introduced within hundred days. Then the people will get the benefit when the global oil and coal price falls.

- I will immediately launch a systematic programme to purchase oil and coal with transparency after investigating the irregularities that have happened in importing substandard oil and purchasing coal.

- Since irregularities have happened in the construction of power plants with over-payments of more than 50% being made, action will be taken to change this state of affairs. Our country has become economically bankrupt through mega projects such as expressways, railways, harbours, airports, power stations, reservoirs which are paraded as Asian miracles in the energy sector. These are national robberies on an unbelievable scale.

- Special attention will be given to energy security due to escalating fuel prices and daily aggravating environmental issues. I will prepare the groundwork for the country to fulfil the basic energy requirements of the people through renewable energy sources such as Dendro (biomass) power, wind power, solar power, ocean energy etc. I will specially take action to build dendro power stations throughout the country so that electricity consumers’ money that hitherto drained to the pockets of the coal and oil mafia will flow to the rural peasantry. Thus I will make power generation a chief means of raising the living standards of the peasantry.

- I will gradually remove all subsidies now given for fossil fuel and hand them over to obtain renewable energy technology. In this way I will take steps to supply energy to the consumer at low cost. A rapid programme will also be undertaken to obtain for our country long term concessionary loans schemes for clean energy already in place worldwide.

- I will totally review the programme already launched to develop petroleum resources identified in Sri Lankan waters. I will stop the attempts to sell these resources to foreign
companies at cheap rates and formulate a transparent long-term programme for that purpose.

- I will introduce systems and establish infrastructure for energy conservation and use new efficient technology for the purpose. Houses and buildings will be designed for ensuring low carbon lifestyles.

- An effective solution will be found for problems in the transport sector which have escalated. Reasons for the collapse of private sector transport for the public will be investigated and solutions found. I will then work towards coordinated bus and train services for the public deploying both State and private sectors. Investment for transport services on highways and train services will be encouraged, with use of local industry.

- Though public transport provides 60% of services, it uses only 15% of oil. Therefore when the public transport service is improved to the level of developed countries both qualitatively and quantitatively, strategies to discourage the use of private vehicles will be introduced. Necessary measures will be taken to introduce standards for raising the fuel efficiency of vehicles and for driver education. Measures will also be taken to encourage the use of electric trains and electric vehicles.

- I will act to design a system with minimum transport requirements in town and country planning. For that purpose habitats will be concentrated and necessary infrastructure facilities, schools, government services, health services, employment opportunities, small industries, markets etc. will be provided to them. A foundation will be laid to utilise information and communication technology facilities to minimise transport.

- An investigation will be conducted on the import of super luxury motor vehicles, racing cars and motor cycles and action will be taken to recover pertinent taxes.