

# **ENERGY FOR BUSINESS**

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# POSTULATES:

- Undoubtedly, the increase in cost of energy either as power fuel is an inevitable input to business or industry & would spell its growth sustainability with impact varying on the degree of dependency/utilization of energy.
- The configuration or composition of the industry sector substantially affects the economic structure and socio-economic environment.
- Business is constantly engaged of competition and, the final test would be the domestic international prices of goods, related components and raw materials.
- The impact of the cost of energy on business or industry highly depends on the intensity and efficient use of energy in producing the services and products.

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- In this regard, statistics show that, in general, and specifically in the country the intensity of the use of energy is lower in the service sector versus the so-called very high energy intensity group. Cement manufacturing, mining and quarrying, pulp and paper and iron and steel belong to the very high energy intensity group.

# SOME SUGGESTED RESPONSES

- Provide a “comfort level” in the privatization of the generation plants.
- Develop longer and better Transition Supply Contracts.

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- Energy cost is inversely proportionate to business growth and sustainability.
- The configuration of the industry sector substantially affects socio economic structure.
- Business is in constant state of competition.
- The acid test of competitive pricing is international or imported prices.
- Intensity and efficient use of energy is a critical item to watch.
- 60% energy self-sufficiency may not result in competitive cost of energy.