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LETTERS: Reduce dependency

Due to the unofficial economic blockade to Nepal by India, we are facing acute problems of shortages in petroleum products and other essential commodities. We are heavily dependent on India for the supply of petroleum products. Despite facing such blockades twice in recent times, still we are facing the same problem now. It shows that the Nepalese leadership is not taking the matter seriously being unprepared for such incidents in the future. Still we have time to react and start searching ways for self dependency in the energy sector. We have huge potentials of generating hydro electricity from the abundant water resources, energy from wind mills and the potential of petroleum has yet to be explored. Furthermore, the climate of Nepal is also suitable for solar energy that can reduce the perennial load shedding.

If we can generate enough electricity from water resources, wind and solar we don't need to rely on any country for fuel. We can gradually change the way of cooking from LPG gas to electric heating systems, encourage electric vehicles, and rebuild the transportation system like trolley bus, electric metro. By doing this we will be decreasing the dependency for fuel on other countries by promoting our economy and building eco-friendly environment at the same time. This is a good time to start all these, otherwise we will only be waiting for another blockade in the future.

Electricity itself is not enough to run the country's economy. We also need to be independent on fossil fuel by exploring the possibility of its availability from within the country. The areas possessing potential petroleum products should be explored without further delay.

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