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Preface

Vocational Education is a dynamic and evolving field, and ensuring that every student has access to quality learning materials is of paramount importance. The journey of the PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE) toward producing comprehensive and inclusive study material is rigorous and time-consuming, requiring thorough research, expert consultation, and publication by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). However, the absence of finalized study material should not impede the educational progress of our students. In response to this necessity, we present the draft study material, a provisional yet comprehensive guide, designed to bridge the gap between teaching and learning, until the official version of the study material is made available by the NCERT. The draft study material provides a structured and accessible set of materials for teachers and students to utilize in the interim period. The content is aligned with the prescribed curriculum to ensure that students remain on track with their learning objectives.

The contents of the modules are curated to provide continuity in education and maintain the momentum of teaching-learning in vocational education. It encompasses essential concepts and skills aligned with the curriculum and educational standards. We extend our gratitude to the academicians, vocational educators, subject matter experts, industry experts, academic consultants, and all other people who contributed their expertise and insights to the creation of the draft study material.

Teachers are encouraged to use the draft modules of the study material as a guide and supplement their teaching with additional resources and activities that cater to their students' unique learning styles and needs. Collaboration and feedback are vital; therefore, we welcome suggestions for improvement, especially by the teachers, in improving upon the content of the study material.

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Module Overview

In the realm of logistics, land transportation plays a pivotal role in the movement of goods from one location to another over land-based infrastructure. It is a critical component of the supply chain process, ensuring that products reach their intended destinations efficiently and on time. Road Transport is the most common mode of land transportation in logistics. It involves the use of trucks, vans, and other vehicles to transport goods on roads. Road transport is highly versatile and can access a wide range of locations, including remote areas. Railways are crucial for the efficient movement of bulk goods over long distances. Trains can carry large quantities of cargo, making them particularly useful for industries like mining, agriculture, and manufacturing.

While primarily used for transporting liquids, gases, and certain solids, pipelines are also an integral part of logistics in industries like oil, gas and chemicals. This is the final stage of the delivery process, where goods are transported from a distribution centre or hub to the end customer. It's a critical aspect of logistics, as it often involves navigation through urban areas and dealing with specific customer requirements. Land transportation connects various points in the supply chain, including warehouses, distribution centres, manufacturing facilities, and retail outlets. It ensures the timely flow of goods between these locations. This involves the seamless integration of different modes of transportation, such as combining road and rail transport or road and sea transport. Intermodal logistics optimises the supply chain by leveraging the strengths of each mode. Logistics professionals use advanced software and technology to plan and optimise land transportation routes.

Land transportation in logistics is subject to various regulations, including transportation permits, customs documentation, and compliance with safety standards. Navigating these regulatory requirements is crucial to ensure smooth operations. With a growing focus on sustainability, logistics professionals are increasingly looking for eco-friendly transportation options. This includes exploring electric and hybrid vehicles, as well as optimising routes to reduce emissions. Land transportation can be affected by factors such as weather conditions, accidents, and unforeseen events. Effective logistics management involves having contingency plans in place to address these challenges and ensure continuity of operations. Land transportation in logistics is the backbone of the supply chain process. It encompasses a range of modes and involves careful planning, coordination, and compliance with regulations. By leveraging technology, optimising routes, and considering environmental impacts, logistics professionals aim to ensure that goods are transported efficiently and reliably to meet customer demands.

This MODULE will focus on basics of land transportation. The first session

covers introduction to logistics and supply chain, the second session includes functioning of Land transportation, the third session focuses on Equipment used in land transportation, and the fourth session imparts about essential documents required in land transportation.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Classify the components of supply chain and logistics sector.
- Demonstrate various activities in land transportation.
- Explain duties and responsibilities of land transportation associate (LTA)
- Describe the various MHEs and equipment used in land transportation(LT)
- Identify the documents required for goods transportation in the transport agency

Module Structure

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Session 1: Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chain

Logistics is the process involved in moving the goods from the point of origin to the point of consumption. Any organisation must improve and develop its supply chain and logistics (SC & L) processes to be successful and gain competitive advantage in the market. Measuring delivery performance is very important for a company to make its logistics system very effective.

MEANING OF LOGISTICS

Logistics is the process of planning, implementing and controlling procedures for the efficient and effective transportation and storage of goods. It includes movement of services and related information from the point of origin to the point of consumption. Its goal is to successfully meet the customer's requirements. This definition includes inbound, outbound, internal and external movements.

According to the Council of Logistics Management (Fig. 1.1), logistics is the management process of planning, implementing, and controlling the physical and information flow concerned with material and final goods from the point of

origin to the point of usage. International logistics involves the management of these resources in a company's supply chain across at least one international border.

Fig. 1.1: Logistics Management

Logistics has been divided into two broad categories:

1. **Inbound logistics:** It is the most important process of logistics concerned with the movement of purchased raw material from the suppliers to the company.
2. **Outbound logistics:** It is the movement of finished products from the manufacturing MODULE (factory) to the end user (customer).

FUNCTIONS OF LOGISTICS

The functions of logistics encompass a wide range of activities aimed at efficiently managing the flow of goods, information, and resources throughout the entire supply chain. These functions play a critical role in ensuring that products or services are delivered to customers in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The functions of logistics are given in the following chart (Fig. 1.2):

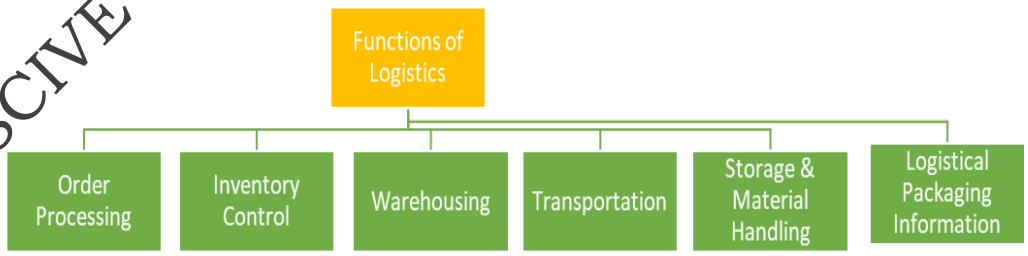

Fig. 1.2: Functions of Logistics

1. **Order processing:** It is a transaction between two parties, i.e., Purchase Order (PO) placed by a buyer to a seller. The process document holds its own importance because it has direct relation to the order. This order document indicates order date and delivery date to the customer.

2. **Inventory control:** Inventory control is the process of managing the inventory and striking a balance between the customer and the market.
3. **Warehousing:** Warehousing is a place used for storage. The finished goods or raw material are kept at this place. The features of warehousing are:

- Locality of warehouses and facilities.
- Number of warehouses.
- Size, mass or area of the warehouse.
- Warehouse layout.
- Ownership of warehouse.

4. **Transportation:** The physical movement of goods from one place to another is known as the transportation of goods.
5. **Storage and material management:** The arrangement of goods in a specified area is known as storage material management.
6. **Logistical packaging information:** Logistical packaging is the function of protecting the goods in the physical distribution process. It extends the life of the products without any damage and the information shared from one place to another by using information technology tools is known as logistical packaging information.

IMPORTANCE OF LOGISTICS

Logistics plays a crucial role in various aspects of modern society and the global economy. The importance of logistics is as under:

1. **Supply Chain Efficiency:** Logistics ensures that goods and services move efficiently from production to consumption. It involves planning, implementing, and controlling the efficient movement and storage of raw materials, in-process inventory, and finished goods.
2. **Customer Satisfaction:** Efficient logistics ensures that products reach customers in a timely manner. This leads to higher customer satisfaction, which is crucial for customer retention and positive brand reputation.
3. **Inventory Management:** Logistics helps in optimizing inventory levels. By understanding demand patterns and ensuring products are available when needed, it helps in reducing excess inventory carrying costs.

Fig. 1.3: Economic Growth

4. **Environmental Impact:** Proper logistics management can lead to reduced environmental impact. This includes optimising routes to minimise fuel consumption, adopting eco-friendly packaging, and implementing sustainable transportation practices.
5. **Economic Growth:** Logistics is a significant contributor to economic growth (Fig. 1.3). It creates jobs, stimulates trade, and facilitates the movement of goods, all of which contribute to a healthy economy.
6. **Government and Public Services:** Effective logistics is essential for the functioning of public services, including healthcare, emergency response, and disaster relief. It ensures that essential supplies reach where they are needed in a timely manner.
7. **Innovation and Technology Adoption:** Logistics often drives innovation in transportation, warehousing, and inventory management. The adoption of new technologies like GPS, RFID, and AI-driven optimisation algorithms has revolutionised the field.
8. **Global Trade Facilitation:** In an increasingly interconnected world, logistics is vital for facilitating global trade. It enables the movement of goods across international borders, supporting economic cooperation and development.

SUBSECTORS IN LOGISTICS

As per the Logistics Sector Skill Council, there are 11 sub sectors operating in the entire logistics process, which are shown in Fig. 1.4. The detailed information about sub sectors of the logistics sector is elaborated as follows:

1. **Warehousing - Storage and Packaging (including tertiary packaging):** Storing items to be sold or dispersed later is known as warehousing (1.5a). Larger companies usually own or rent space in a structure that is especially meant for storage, while smaller, home-based firms may store their products with suitable packaging in a spare room, basement, or garage are called storage and packaging (1.5b).

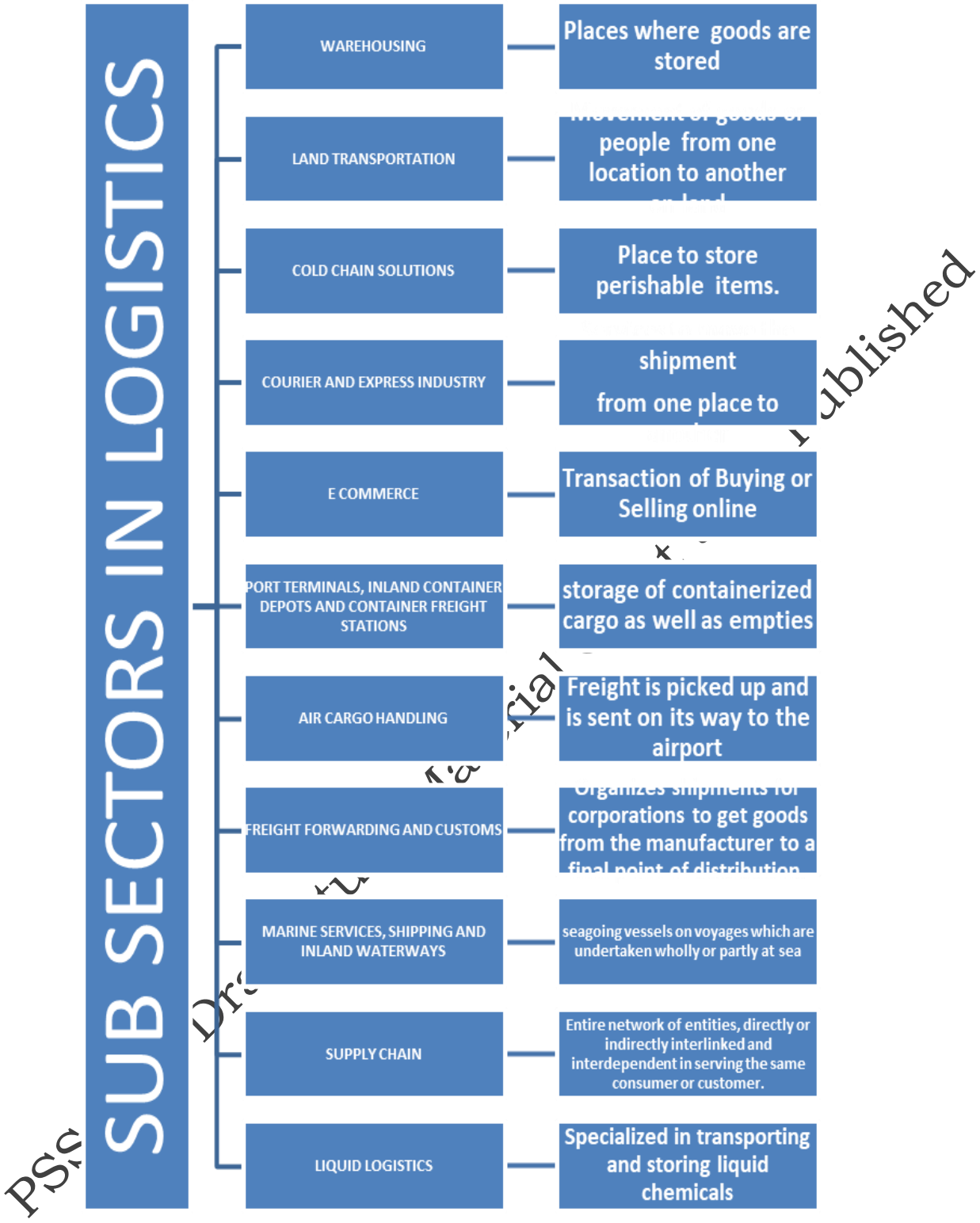

Fig.1.4: Subsectors in Logistics

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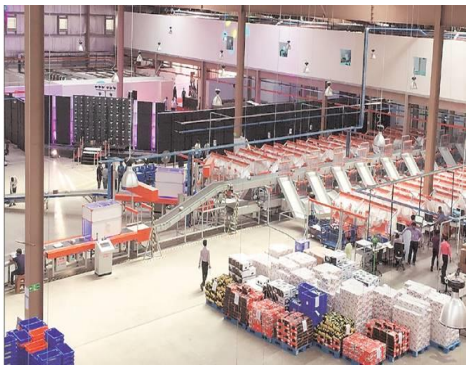

Fig.1.5(b): Storage and Packaging

2. **Land Transportation (including commercial vehicle drivers for cargo):** Land transport or land transportation (Fig.1.6), also referred to as ground transport or ground transportation, is the transport or movement of people, animals, and goods from one location to another on land, usually by rail or road. The transportation subsector deals with consolidation of cargo, transportation and coordination of the transport network.

Fig. 1.6: Vehicles used in Land Transportation

3. **Cold Chain Solutions:** A cold chain, also known as a cool chain (Fig. 1.7), refers to a supply chain that is carefully managed to maintain specific temperature conditions. An unbroken cold chain consists of a continuous sequence of refrigerated activities, including production, storage, and distribution, supported by the necessary equipment and logistical processes. The primary goal is to sustain the desired low-temperature range throughout the entire chain, ensuring the quality and safety of perishable goods.

Fig. 1.7: Cold Storage and Cold Chain Solution

4. **Courier and Express Industry:** Courier services (Fig.1.8) stand apart from regular mail offerings due to several distinguishing characteristics including rapidity, enhanced security, tracking capabilities, signature verification, specialized and personalized express options, and expedited delivery schedules, which are typically not standard in conventional mail services. Recognized as a premium service, couriers generally entail higher costs compared to standard mail services, with utilization typically reserved for shipments necessitating one or more of these features deemed significant enough to justify the additional expense.

Fig. 1.8: Courier Services

5. **E - Commerce (e – logistics):** The E-Commerce (Fig. 1.9(a)) is flourishing as a result of increasing internet and mobile penetration, growing acceptability of online payments and favourable demographics. E- Logistics is a dynamic set of communication computing and collaborative technologies that transform key logistical process to be a customer centric by sharing data, knowledge and information with supply chain partners is known as e-commerce logistics. Its main objective is to deliver the right products in right quantities at right place and time to right customer.

Fig. 1.9(a): E - Commerce

Fig. 1.9(b): E - Commerce Logistics

6. **Port Terminals, Inland Container Depots and Container Freight Stations:** A port is a location on a coast or shore containing one or more harbours where ships can dock and transfer people or cargo to or from land. A port terminal (Fig. 1.10(a)) is a place alongside navigable water with facilities for the loading and unloading of ships.

Fig. 1.10(a): Port Terminals

Inland Container Depots, otherwise known as ICDs (Fig. 1.10(b)), are dry ports equipped for handling and temporary storage of containerized cargo as well as empties. This means that hinterland customers can receive port services more conveniently closer to their premises.

Fig. 1.10(b): Inland Containers Depot

Container Freight Station, A Cargo Freight Station (CFS) (Fig. 1.10(c)) is a facility where freight shipments undergo consolidation or de-consolidation and are staged during transit between different transportation legs. Typically situated near seaports, airports, or major transportation hubs, CFS facilities facilitate the movement of cargo containers to and from various modes of transportation.

Fig. 1.10(c): Container Freight Station

7. **Air Cargo Handling (other than tarmac side operations):** Air cargo is any property carried or to be carried in an aircraft. Air cargo comprises air freight, air express and airmail. Air cargo handlers (Fig.1.11) require little formal education. Learn about the training, job duties and requirements for air cargo handling positions to see if this is the right career for you. Air cargo handlers work at airports loading and unloading baggage.

Fig. 1. 11: Air Cargo and its Handling

8. **Freight Forwarding and Customs:** Freight forwarding involves organizing and transporting goods from one location to another using one or more carriers, including air, sea, rail, or road transport (Fig.1.12). Customs departments serve as the official government entities responsible for enforcing import and export regulations, levying customs duties, and facilitating the movement of individuals, goods, and cargo across international borders.

Fig. 1.12: Coordination of Freights

9. **Marine Services, Shipping and Inland Waterways:** Marine services (Fig.1.13) are port-related activities conducted to ensure the safe and expeditious flow of vessel traffic in port approaches and harbours and a safe stay at berth when moored or at anchor.

Fig. 1.13: Marine Services at Seaport

The term 'shipping' (Fig.1.14) has evolved from its original relationship to ships and seaborne trade, to encompass any mode of transport that moves goods between two points. The implication of the extended meaning of 'shipping' is that the shipping industry has become more complex, as well as more dynamic.

Fig. 1.14: Shipping the Goods

Inland waterways are a network in the form of rivers, canals, backwaters and creeks that can be used for transportation in place of or in addition to roads and rails.

10. **Supply Chain:** A supply chain encompasses the interconnected network of individuals, entities, resources, operations, and technological infrastructure engaged in the conception and distribution of a product. It entails the entire journey of sourcing raw materials from suppliers to manufacturers, culminating in the delivery of the final product to the end user.

11. **Liquid Logistics Vessels:** Liquid logistics Vessels (Fig.1.15) is a specialized material-handling and transportation discipline that is used when moving liquid products through a supply chain.

Fig. 1.15: Liquid Logistics Vessels

CONCEPT OF SUPPLY CHAIN

The supply chain in logistics refers to the interconnected network of activities, organisations, people, information, and resources involved in the creation and delivery of a product or service from its origin to the end consumer. It encompasses various stages, including procurement, production, distribution, and eventual delivery to customers (Fig.1.16).

Fig. 1.16: Supply Chain

The success of the business often depends on the success of the supply chain. Supply chain management deals with—

a) **Material flow:** The physical flow of products from the supplier/seller/buyer to the customer is one directional or unidirectional (Fig.1.17).

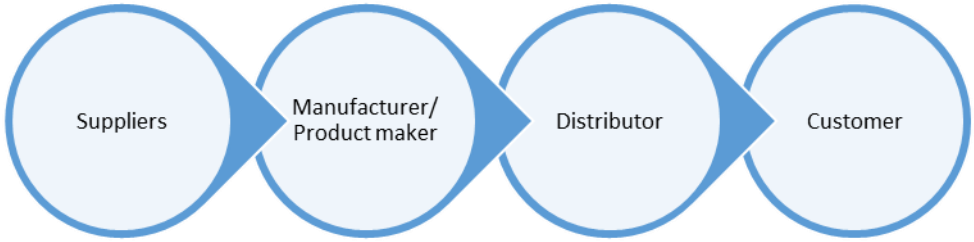

Fig. 1.17: Material Flow

b) Information flow: The information flows from the supplier/seller to the customer/buyer, and then from the customer to the supplier (Fig. 1.18).

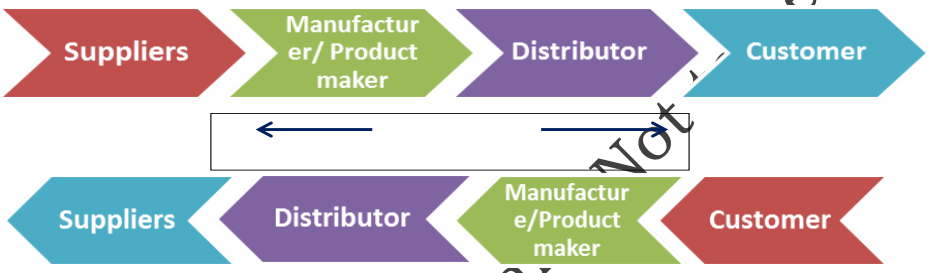

Fig. 1.18: Information flow

c) Financial flow: The money flows from the customer to the supplier, wherein the customer accepts the product and confirms that the payment goes to the suppliers (Fig.1.19).

Fig. 1.19: Financial Flow

FUNCTIONS OF SUPPLY CHAIN

The supply chain consists of the manufacturer, suppliers, retailers, customers, transporters, warehouses, etc. Functions of supply chain are as follow:

1. Inventory or record management.
2. Transportation service procurement.
3. Material handling.
4. Inbound transportation.
5. Transportation operation management.
6. Warehouse management.

7. Customer service.
8. Order processing and customer service.

IMPORTANCE OF SUPPLY CHAIN

The supply chain is important because it;

a) helps to reduce inventory cost.
b) helps to boost customer service and improve customer satisfaction.
c) maintains better trust between partners.
d) provides efficient manufacturing strategy.
e) improves process integration.
f) increases cash flow.
g) reduces operating cost.
h) improves financial position by decreasing fixed assets.
i) improves quality and gives higher profit margin.
j) protects traditional freedom and development.

COMPONMENTS OF SUPPLY CHAIN

The common models of supply chain (Fig. 1.20) are—

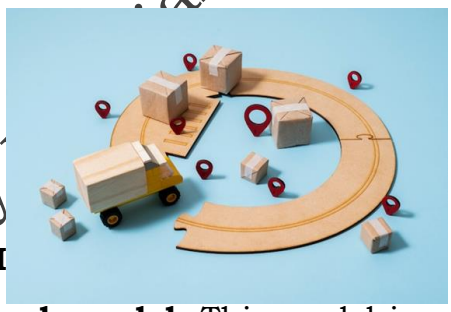

Fig. 1.20: M

- **Integrated make-to-stock model:** This model is used to track client request in real time and production process, maintain finished goods inventory and storage of raw material.
- **Build-to-order model:** In this, the company assembles the components to produce finished goods immediately upon receiving the order.
- **Continuous replenishment model:** In this model, the company works with intermediaries and suppliers to constantly replenish their inventory. This is useful for the supply of products with stable demand. For example; circulation of prescribed medicines.
- **Channel assembly model:** This model is a modification of build-to-order model. The fragments of the product are collected and assembled as the product moves through the distribution channel and it is called channel assembly model.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare a chart showing the basic functions and requirements of supply chain and subsectors in logistics.

Material Required: Notebook, paper, Pen/pencil and questionnaire.

Procedure:

1. Visit a warehouse along with your peers.
2. Meet the inventory executives and others and greet them.
3. Take a tour of the warehouse and enquire from the manager about the following:
    a) Suppliers of various products and their locations.
    b) Storage of the products.
    c) Local distributors of these products and their locations.
    d) Potential customers.
    e) Transportation facility used for the products.
4. Discuss with the executive(s) about supply chain practices.
5. Show your notes to the executive and confirm that they are correct.
6. Prepare a report and discuss with friends and show it to the teacher.
7. Discuss your report in the class.

Activity 2: Perform role-play on Warehouse Management

Material Required: Pen, Notebook, Mock warehouse space, Various types of products, Inventory management software

Procedure:

1. Divide students into groups, each representing a warehouse management team.
2. Assign each group a set of products with specific inventory levels and storage requirements.
3. Students must organize the warehouse space efficiently, ensuring that products are stored safely, accessibly, and according to their characteristics (e.g., perishable items, fragile items).
4. Student should introduce scenarios such as receiving new inventory,

fulfilling orders, and managing inventory levels.

5. Students use the inventory management software to track

a) incoming and outgoing products

b) monitor inventory levels

c) make decisions about replenishment

d) make decisions about storage optimization.

6. Encourage students to discuss their strategies, challenges faced, and lessons learned during a debriefing while performing role-play.
7. At last student should submit their script to their teacher.

Activity 3: Prepare report on E-Commerce Logistics.

Material Required: Notebook, Pen/ Pencil, Computers or mobile devices with internet access**,** E-commerce platform simulation software (e.g., online marketplace simulation game)

Procedure:

1. Divide students into groups, each representing an e-commerce business.
2. Provide access to the e-commerce platform simulation software.
3. Students must set up their virtual stores, list products, manage inventory, process orders, and fulfill customer deliveries.
4. Introduce challenges such as fluctuating demand, competition, shipping delays, and customer service issues.
    a) Introduction: The Rise of E-Commerce
    b) Challenges in E-Commerce Logistics
    c) Technological Innovations Driving E-Commerce Logistics
    d) Future Trends and Outlook
5. Students use the software to make pricing decisions, optimize product listings, manage logistics, and handle customer inquiries.
6. Monitor the performance of each group and facilitate discussions on
    a) e-commerce strategies
    b) customer engagement

c) logistics optimization

7. After performing this play student should submit their report to their teacher.

Check your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Supply chain consists of suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, _____ customers.
2. There are two types of logistics; inbound and _____.
3. Warehouse is a part of _____.
4. Decision in regard to inventory and warehousing facilities is a part of _____ decision.
5. Production and distribution schedules are the part of_____ decisions.
6. Flow of information in the supply chain is _____.
7. Logistics is the relation between the _____ and the operating activity of the business.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. The purpose of Supply Chain Management is to _____.
   i. be responsible for customer satisfaction
   ii. increase product quality
   iii. integrate demand and supply
   iv. increase production
2. Logistics is involved with the onward and opposite flow of _____.
   i. goods
   ii. services
   iii. cash
   iv. All of the above
3. It enables the movement of goods across international borders, supporting economic cooperation and development.

i. Storage
ii. Warehouse
iii. Transportation
iv. Global Trade Facilitation

4. The main decision areas in Supply Chain Management are _____.

i. location, production, distribution, inventory
ii. planning, production, distribution, inventory
iii. location, production, scheduling, inventory
iv. location, production, distribution, marketing

5. The physical movement of goods from one place to another is known as _____.

i. Storage
ii. Warehouse
iii. Transportation
iv. None of the above

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. Supply chains are becoming more complex and dynamic.
2. The financial flows from seller to customer and then from customer to supplier.
3. Supply chain supports a company by reducing its inventory cost.
4. Inbound logistics is related to the movement of purchased raw material from suppliers to the company.
5. Outbound logistics is the movement of finished products from manufacturing MODULE to the final user.

D. Match the Columns

S.N	Column A	S.N	Column B
1	Material flow	A	Information flows from the supplier/seller to the customer/buyer, and then from the customer to the supplier.
2	Information flow	B	The money flows from the customer to the supplier, wherein the customer accepts the product and confirms that the payment goes to the suppliers.
3	Financial flow	C	Physical flow of products from the supplier/seller/ buyer to the customer is one directional or unidirectional.
4	Inventory control	D	The process of managing the inventory and striking a balance between the customer and the market.
5	Warehousing	E	A place used for storage. The finished goods or raw material are kept at this place.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Define supply chain.
2. Explain various types of supply chain.
3. Discuss the three types of flow related to supply chain.
4. Deliberate the importance of supply chain.

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Discuss the models of supply chain.
2. Elaborate in detail about subsector of logistics.
3. Explain the functions of logistics.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Draw flow charts of material flow and financial flow.
2. Spell out the functions of supply chain management with an example.
3. Demonstrate the importance of supply chain with an example.

4. Discuss the Importance of logistics.
5. Draw subsectors of logistics.

Session 2: Functioning of Land Transportation

Land transportation refers to the movement of people, goods, or animals from one place to another over the Earth's surface (Fig. 1.21). It is a crucial aspect of modern civilization, enabling the exchange of resources, facilitating economic activities, and connecting commMODULEies.

Fig. 1.21: Land Transportation

Land transportation can occur via various means, including:

1. **Road Transportation**: This is the most common form of land transportation. It involves the use of roads, highways, streets, and other paved or unpaved surfaces. Vehicles like cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, and bicycles are used for road transportation.
2. **Rail Transportation:** This mode of transportation utilises a network of railway tracks and trains (Fig. 1.22). It is particularly efficient for transporting large quantities of goods over long distances. Passenger trains also provide a means of long-distance travel.

Fig. 1.22: Rail Transportation

3. **Pipeline Transportation:** While not as common for personal travel, pipelines are used extensively for transporting liquids, gases, and even solid materials in certain industries (Fig. 1.23). For example; oil, natural

gas, and water pipelines are crucial for the functioning of various sectors.

Fig. 1.23: Pipeline Transportation

4. **Off-road Transportation**: This includes modes of transportation that do not rely on established roads or tracks (Fig.1.24). It can involve vehicles like all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), dirt bikes, or even animals like horses for travel in rough or remote areas.

Fig. 1.24: Off-road Transportation

Each mode of land transportation has its advantages and disadvantages, and their suitability depends on factors like distance, terrain, available infrastructure, and the nature of the cargo or passengers being transported. Effective land transportation systems are crucial for the functioning of modern economies and societies.

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE TRANSPORTATION

Activities collectively form the backbone of the transportation and logistics industry, ensuring the efficient movement of goods across various modes of transportation and through different stages of the supply chain. Following are various segments of the transportation:

Land Transportation: The movement of people, animals, or products across land is referred to as land transportation. Following are the activities can be performed in land transportation:

1. **Freight Movement:** Loading and unloading of goods onto trucks, vans, and other land-based vehicles and ensuring proper packaging, labelling, and securing of cargo.
2. **Route Planning and Execution:** Determining the most efficient and safe routes for transportation. Navigating through traffic, construction, and other potential obstacles (Fig.1.25).

Fig. 1.25: Route Planning and Execution

3. **Vehicle Maintenance and Inspections:** Performing regular maintenance checks on vehicles to ensure they are in good working condition and conducting safety inspections and addressing any issues promptly.
4. **Driver Management:** Hiring, training, and supervising drivers and managing driver schedules and ensuring compliance with regulations.
5. **Documentation and Record-Keeping:** Maintaining accurate records of shipments, including bills of lading, invoices, and other relevant paperwork. Documenting any incidents, delays, or deviations from the plan.
6. **Safety and Compliance:** Ensuring that all transportation activities adhere to safety regulations and standards and conducting safety training and implementing safety protocols.

Warehouse Operations: The process of overseeing the tasks involved in receiving, storing, packing, and delivering items in a warehouse is known as warehouse operations. Following are the activities can be performed in warehouse operations:

1. **Inventory Management:** Receiving, inspecting, and recording incoming shipments, and organising and storing goods within the warehouse (Fig.1.26).

Fig. 1.26: Inventory management

2. **Order Picking and Packing:** Selecting and assembling items for customer orders and properly packaging and labelling items for shipment.
3. **Storage and Space Optimisation:** Maximising warehouse space for efficient storage and movement of goods and implementing systems for tracking inventory levels.
4. **Quality Control:** Conducting inspections to ensure that goods meet quality standards. Handling and documenting any damaged or non-compliant items.
5. **Loading and Unloading:** Transferring goods between transport vehicles and the warehouse and ensuring that goods are handled safely and securely during the process.

Port Yard Operations: Port yard operations refer to the activities and processes involved in the management, organization, and movement of cargo within the yards of a port facility. Following are the activities can be performed in (Fig.1.27)

1. **Container Handling:** Loading and unloading containers onto ships or trucks. Stacking and arranging containers within the port yard.

Fig. 1.27: Port Yard Operations

2. **Equipment Operation and Maintenance:** Operating cranes, forklifts, and other heavy machinery for container handling and conducting regular maintenance and inspections of equipment.
3. **Safety and Security:** Implementing security protocols to safeguard cargo and facilities and ensuring compliance with port safety regulations.

Ship Transportation: Ship transportation, also known as maritime transportation, refers to the movement of goods, passengers, or cargo by ships or vessels across bodies of water, such as oceans, seas, rivers, or canals. Following are the activities can be performed in (Fig.1.28)

1. **Cargo Handling:** Loading and unloading cargo onto ships. Securing cargo for sea transportation.

Fig. 1.28: Ship Transportation

2. **Navigational Planning:** Planning sea routes considering the weather conditions, currents, and port availability.
3. **Vessel Maintenance and Inspection:** Conducting regular maintenance checks on ships to ensure seaworthiness and inspecting safety equipment and systems.

Air Transportation: Air transport is the activity that makes it possible for people, goods, and mail to be transported via aircraft. Following are the activities can be performed in (Fig.1.29):

1. **Cargo Handling and Inspection:** Loading and unloading cargo onto aircraft and conducting security checks and inspections of cargo.

Fig. 1.29: Air Transportation

2. **Flight Planning and Coordination:** Planning flight routes and schedules. Coordinating with air traffic control for take-off, landing, and in-flight navigation.
3. **Aircraft Maintenance:** Ensuring that aircrafts are in optimal condition for flight and conducting routine inspections and maintenance procedures.

Meaning of Land Transportation Associate

A "land transportation associate" typically refers to an individual who works in a role related to land transportation. All parts of the broader field of land transportation, which encompasses the movement of people and goods over land via various modes such as road, rail, and pipelines. Individuals (Fig.1.30) in these positions play vital roles in ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of transportation systems.

Fig. 1.30: Land Transportation Associate

The role holder is responsible for overall vehicle movement and ground operations. The individual receives order details, processes mandatory documents, conducts route survey, coordinates with supervisor for loader requirement and garage supervisor for fleet maintenance, arranges for consignment pick-up, issues In-Gate and Gate Exit pass and monitors and updates status of each consignment.

DUTIES OF TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATE

Duties are crucial for the effective functioning of transportation operations, whether they involve moving goods via road, rail, or other modes of land transportation. Transportation associate is typically responsible for a range of tasks related to the efficient movement of goods or people. Following are the list of common duties associated with this role:

1. **Coordinating Shipments:** Organising and overseeing the transportation of goods or passengers from one location to another.
2. **Route Planning:** Determining the most effective and efficient routes for transportation, considering factors like distance, traffic conditions, and road quality.

3. **Scheduling and Dispatching:** Managing the schedules of drivers or vehicles, ensuring they are deployed in a timely and efficient manner.
4. **Tracking and Monitoring:** Monitoring the progress of shipments or trips in real-time, providing updates to stakeholders, and addressing any issues or delays (Fig.1.31).

Fig. 1.31: Tracking and Monitoring

5. **Documentation and Record-Keeping:** Maintaining accurate records of shipments, including bills of lading, invoices, and other relevant paperwork.
6. **Maintaining Equipment:** Ensuring that vehicles and equipment used in transportation are properly maintained, arranging for repairs or maintenance as needed.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATE

Responsibilities are crucial for the effective functioning of transportation operations, whether they involve moving goods via road, rail, or other modes of land transportation. A transportation associate typically has a range of responsibilities related to the smooth and efficient movement of goods or people (Fig. 1.32). Some responsibilities associated with Land Transportation Associate:

1. **Customer Service:** Assisting customers with inquiries or concerns related to transportation, providing information on shipment status, delivery times, and addressing any issues that arise.
2. **Safety Compliance:** Ensuring that all transportation activities adhere to safety regulations and standards, conducting safety checks, and addressing any safety concerns promptly.

Fig. 1.32: Movement of Goods

3. **Problem Solving:** Addressing unexpected events or issues, such as traffic delays, mechanical problems, or adverse weather conditions, and implementing solutions to minimise disruptions.
4. **Communication and Coordination:** Liaising with various stakeholders, including drivers, warehouse staff, customers, and other departments within the organisation to ensure smooth operations.
5. **Compliance and Regulatory Knowledge:** Staying informed about transportation regulations and compliance requirements to ensure that all operations meet legal standards.
6. **Data Analysis and Reporting:** Collecting and analysing transportation-related data to identify trends, improve processes, and generate reports for management.

Activities

Activity 1: Perform Role Play on Route Planning
Material required: Maps (physical or digital), Markers, Printed or digital route, and Planning templates.
Procedure:

1. Divide the class in 5 groups.
2. Provide each group with a map and a route planning template.
3. Assign a hypothetical transportation scenario (e.g., transporting goods from one city to another).
4. Instruct each group to plan a route, considering factors like
    a) distance
    b) traffic conditions
    c) road quality
5. Have the groups present their chosen routes and explain their rationale.
6. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 2: Prepare report on Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance of vehicle
Material Required: A vehicle (real or model), and Checklist for vehicle

inspections

Procedure:

1. If possible, bring a real vehicle into the classroom or outside the classroom. Alternatively, use a model vehicle for demonstration.
2. Distribute vehicle inspection checklists to students.
3. Walk through the process of conducting a vehicle inspection, highlighting key points in the report.
    a) Start by examining the exterior of the vehicle for any signs of damage, rust, or corrosion.
    b) Check all lights including headlights, taillights, turn signals, and brake lights to ensure they are functioning properly.
    c) Inspect the condition of the tires, including tread depth and any signs of wear or damage. Check tire pressure using a gauge.
    d) Look under the vehicle for any signs of leaks, such as oil or coolant.
4. Ask students to practice inspecting the vehicle, using the checklist as a guide.
5. Prepare a report
6. Submit it to your teacher.

Activity 3: Perform Role Play on Safety and Compliance in transportation.
Material Required: Props related to safety equipment (e.g., safety vests, helmets), Scenario cards describing transportation safety situations.
Procedure:

1. Assign roles to students, such as transportation associate, supervisor, and safety inspector.
2. Provide scenario cards depicting various safety situations

a) loading hazardous materials
b) handling fragile goods

3. Ask students to perform role plays, demonstrating how they would address the safety situation.
4. After this student should submit their Role-play script to their teacher.
5. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback.

Check Your Progress

Fill in the Blanks

1. Land transportation refers to the movement of _____, _____, or _____ from one place to another over the Earth's surface.
2. _____ is the most common form of land transportation, involving the use of roads, highways, streets, and other paved or unpaved surfaces.
3. Rail transportation utilises a network of _____ and _____.
4. Pipeline transportation is commonly used for transporting _____, _____, and even _____ in certain industries.
5. Off-road transportation includes modes of transportation that do not

rely on established _____ or _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

a. Which mode of land transportation is particularly efficient for transporting large quantities of goods over long distances?

1. Road Transportation
2. Rail Transportation
3. Pipeline Transportation
4. Off-road Transportation

b. What is the primary mode of transportation for liquids, gases, and certain solid materials in industries like oil and natural gas?

1. Road Transportation
2. Rail Transportation
3. Pipeline Transportation
4. Pedestrian Transportation

c. What is a crucial responsibility of a Land Transportation Associate?

1. Managing warehouse operations
2. Coordinating shipments
3. Handling cargo on ships
4. Planning sea routes

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. Pipeline transportation is commonly used for personal travel.
2. Rail transportation is efficient for transporting large quantities of goods over long distances.
3. Pedestrian transportation is not feasible in areas where vehicular transportation is available.
4. Duties are crucial for the effective functioning of transportation operations.
5. Collecting and analysing transportation-related data to identify trends, improve processes, and generate reports for management.

D. Match the Columns

S. No	Column A	S. No	Column B
1	Freight Movement	A	Ship Transportation
2	Inventory	B	Land Transportation

	Management		
3	Container Handling	C	Warehouse Operations
4	Cargo Handling	D	Port Yard Operations

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Define Land transportation associate.
2. "Duties are crucial for the effective functioning of transportation operations." Elaborate.
3. What are the advantages of rail transportation for moving goods over long distances?
4. Why is pedestrian transportation essential, especially in areas where vehicular transportation is not feasible?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain duties of LTA.
2. Discuss the responsibilities of Transportation Associate.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Demonstrate the role of a Land Transportation Associate.
2. List three activities involved in Warehouse Operations.

Session 3: Equipment used in Land Transportation

Material Handling Equipment (MHE) in land transportation refers to a wide range of tools, vehicles, and machinery used to efficiently handle, move, and transport goods, products, or materials within a land-based environment. This equipment is crucial for streamlining the processes involved in loading, unloading, storing, and transporting goods from one location to another. MHE (Fig.1.33) plays a pivotal role in various industries such as manufacturing, logistics, construction, and warehousing.

Fig. 1.33: Material Handling Equipment

Following are the MHE used in land transportation: -

- Forklifts
- Conveyors
- Pallet Jacks
- Cranes
- Trucks and Trailers
- Stackers
- Hoists
- AGVs (Automated Guided Vehicles)
- Shuttle Systems
- Racking Systems
- Trolleys and Carts

Efficient material handling equipment in land transportation is essential for minimising costs, reducing damage to goods, improving productivity, and ensuring the safety of workers. The choice of equipment depends on factors like the type of materials being handled, the layout of the facility, the volume of goods, and specific industry requirements.

IMPORTANCE OF MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT IN LAND TRANSPORTATION

Material Handling Equipment (MHE) in land transportation (Fig.1.34) is essential for improving efficiency, reducing costs, enhancing safety, and ensuring the smooth flow of goods from one location to another. It is a critical component of modern logistics and transportation operations.

Fig. 1.34: Material Handling Equipment in land transportation

Material handling equipment (MHE) plays a crucial role in land transportation for several important reasons:

1. **Efficiency and Productivity:** MHE significantly increases the speed and efficiency of loading and unloading processes. This means that goods can be moved more quickly, reducing the time required for transportation and increasing overall productivity.

2. **Reduced Labour Costs**: By automating or mechanising certain tasks, MHE reduces the need for manual labour in material handling. This can lead to cost savings for businesses by reducing the number of workers required for these tasks.

3. **Safety:** MHE is designed with safety features and protocols in mind. Properly operated equipment can reduce the risk of accidents and injuries associated with manual material handling, which can be physically demanding and potentially hazardous.

4. **Reduced Damage to Goods**: Manual handling can lead to accidental dropping, bumping, or mishandling of goods, which can result in damage or breakage. MHE is designed to handle goods in a controlled and secure

manner, reducing the likelihood of damage.

5. **Optimised Storage:** MHE, such as pallet racks, stackers, and shuttle systems, allows for efficient use of storage space. This means that more goods can be stored in a given area, maximising warehouse or storage facility capacity.

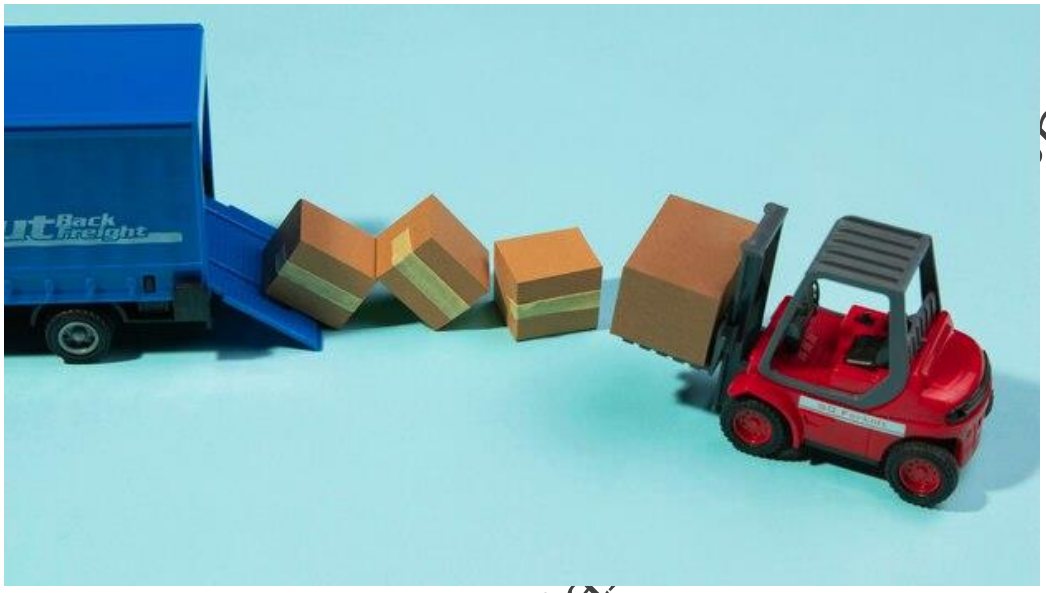

Fig. 1.35: Heavy Items

6. **Flexibility and Versatility:** Different types of MHE can be adapted to handle various types of goods, from small packages to large, heavy items (Fig. 1.35). This flexibility ensures that a wide range of materials can be efficiently transported.

7. **Accurate Inventory Management**: Automated systems, like AGVs and shuttle systems, often come with integrated inventory management software. This allows for real-time tracking and monitoring of goods, reducing the likelihood of errors in inventory management.

8. **Environmental Impact:** Some MHE, such as electric forklifts or AGVs, can be more environmentally friendly than traditional diesel-powered equipment. This reduces emissions and contributes to a more sustainable operation.

FUNCTION OF MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT IN LAND TRANSPORTATION

Material Handling Equipment (MHE) plays a crucial role in land transportation by facilitating the efficient movement, storage, and handling of goods and materials. Some of the key functions of material handling equipment in the

context of land transportation are:

1. **Loading and Unloading:** Material handling equipment is used to load goods onto vehicles for transportation and to unload them at their destination. This includes equipment like forklifts, cranes, and conveyor systems.

2. **Storage and Warehousing:** Material handling equipment helps organise and store goods in warehouses or storage facilities, ensuring easy access and efficient use of space. This can involve shelving MODULEs, pallet racks, and automated storage systems.

Fig. 1.36: Transportation within Warehouses

3. **Sorting and Order Picking:** Equipment like conveyor belts and automated guided vehicles (AGV) help sort and pick specific items from a larger inventory, making the process more streamlined and accurate.

4. **Transportation within Warehouses:** Within warehouses, distribution centres, and other facilities, material handling equipment such as hand trucks, pallet jacks, and conveyor systems are used to move goods efficiently from one point to another (Fig.1.36).

5. **Improving Safety:** Proper material handling equipment can reduce the risk of injuries and accidents associated with manual handling of heavy or bulky items. For example, forklifts and hoists allow for controlled lifting and movement (Fig.1.37).

Fig. 1.37: Lifting and Movement with Safe Conditions

6. **Enhancing Efficiency and Productivity:** By automating or mechanising various tasks, material handling equipment can significantly increase the speed and efficiency of processes, leading to higher overall productivity.

7. **Supporting Just-in-Time (JIT) Inventory Systems:** Material handling equipment is crucial for JIT systems, where inventory is kept to a minimum. Efficient handling ensures that materials arrive precisely when they are needed, minimising storage costs.

8. **Providing Real-Time Tracking and Management**: Advanced material handling systems often incorporate tracking and management technologies, allowing for real-time monitoring of inventory levels, location, and movement.

In summary, material handling equipment is essential for the efficient and safe movement of goods within the context of land transportation. It helps businesses optimise their supply chain operations, improve safety, reduce costs, and ultimately deliver products to customers in a timely and cost-effective manner.

TYPES OF EQUIPMENT USED IN LAND TRANSPORTATION

Land transportation relies on a variety of equipment to move people and goods efficiently. Here are some of the key types of equipment used in land transportation:

1. **Cars:** Used for personal transportation.

2. **Trucks:** Designed for transporting goods, they come in various sizes including pickup trucks, delivery vans, and larger freight trucks.

3. **Buses:** Used for mass transit, ranging from city buses to intercity and long-distance coaches.

4. **Motorcycles and Scooters**: Provide an efficient means of personal transportation, especially in densely populated areas.

5. **Trains:** Used for both passenger and freight transportation on tracks. They can be commuter trains within cities, high-speed trains (Fig.1.38) for intercity travel, or freight trains for transporting goods.

Fig. 1.38: Train Transportation

6. **Cable Cars and Funiculars:** Utilise cables for propulsion and are often used in hilly or mountainous terrain.

7. **Trolleys and Streetcars:** Similar to buses but run on tracks embedded in city streets.

8. **Personal Rapid Transit (PRT):** A public transportation mode featuring automated, driverless vehicles on a network of specially-built guideways.

9. **Horse-Drawn Vehicles:** Traditional means of transportation (Fig. 1.39), mostly for special events or tourist attractions in modern times.

Fig. 1.39: Horse-Drawn Vehicles

10. **Carts and Carriages:** Still used in some regions for specific purposes like agriculture or tourism.

Each type of equipment serves a specific purpose within the broader field of land transportation, contributing to the movement of people and goods efficiently and safely.

OPERATIONAL MECHANISM OF MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT IN LAND TRANSPORTATION

The operational mechanism of material handling equipment (MHE) in land transportation can vary depending on the specific type of equipment being used. Following are the types of MHE and their operational mechanisms:

1. **Forklifts:** Forklifts, also known as lift trucks or forklift trucks, are industrial vehicles commonly used for lifting and transporting materials over short distances within warehouses, distribution centres, manufacturing facilities, and construction sites. Following are the types of Forklifts:

    a) **Power Source:** Forklifts can be powered by electricity, propane, diesel, or gasoline engines.

    b) **Lifting Mechanism:** They are equipped with a hydraulic lifting system that raises and lowers the forks to lift and lower loads.

2. **Steering:** Forklifts have either front-wheel or rear-wheel steering, allowing them to manoeuvre in tight spaces.

3. **Conveyors:** Conveyors are mechanical devices used to transport goods,

products, or materials from one location to another within a facility. Following are the types of Conveyors:

a) **Motorised Rollers or Belts:** Conveyors use motorised rollers or belts to move goods along a predetermined path.

b) **Control Systems:** They often have control systems to regulate the speed and direction of movement.

4. **Pallet Jacks:** Pallet jacks are manually operated or electrically powered vehicles used for lifting and moving palletized loads. Following are the types of Pallet jacks:

   a) **Manual or Electric:** Manual pallet jacks are operated by hand, while electric ones have a motor for lifting and moving loads.

   b) **Pump Action:** Manual pallet jacks use a pump action to lift the load, while electric ones have a motorised lifting mechanism.

5. **Cranes:** Cranes are lifting machines equipped with a hoist, wire ropes, or chains, and sheaves for lifting and lowering heavy loads. Following are the types of Cranes:

   a) **Hoist Mechanism:** Cranes have a hoist mechanism with a hook, winch, or other attachment for lifting and lowering loads.

   b) **Boom:** The boom is the arm of the crane that extends and retracts to reach the load.

6. **Trucks and Trailers:** Trucks and trailers are vehicles used for transporting goods and materials over roadways. Following are the types of Trucks and Trailers:

   a) **Engine and Transmission:** Trucks and trailers are powered by internal combustion engines (diesel or gasoline) and have transmissions to control speed and direction.

   b) **Loading and Unloading:** They are equipped with loading docks, ramps, or other mechanisms for loading and unloading goods.

7. **Stackers:** Stackers work on a similar principle to forklifts, with a hydraulic lifting mechanism for raising and lowering loads.

8. **Hoists:** Hoists are mechanical devices used for lifting and lowering heavy loads vertically. They typically consist of a drum or lift wheel wrapped with a wire rope or chain, which is powered by an electric motor or

manually operated. Following are the types of Hoists:

a) **Electric, Pneumatic, or Manual:** Hoists can be powered by electricity, compressed air (pneumatic), or operated manually.

b) **Winch and Cable/Rope:** They use a winch mechanism with a cable or rope for lifting and lowering loads.

9. **AGV (Automated Guided Vehicles):** AGVs are autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles guided by predefined routes or navigation systems. Following are the types of AGV:

   a) **Navigation Systems:** AGVs are equipped with navigation systems, which can include laser guidance, magnetic tape, or other technologies to follow a predetermined path.

   b) **Sensors:** They have sensors to detect obstacles and adjust their course accordingly.

10. **Shuttle Systems:** Shuttle systems are automated storage and retrieval systems used in warehouses and distribution centres for high-density storage of palletized or non-palletized loads. These systems use automated shuttles that move along tracks within storage racks to retrieve and store goods.

11. **Trolleys and Carts:** Trolleys and carts are wheeled vehicles used for manually transporting goods and materials within a facility. Trolleys and carts have wheels for easy movement and handles for pushing or pulling.

Each type of material handling equipment has its own unique operational mechanism designed to efficiently handle specific types of materials and tasks. Proper training and operation are crucial to ensure the safe and effective use of this equipment in land transportation.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare equipment Matching Game.

Material Required: Printed pictures or drawings of various material handling equipment, labels with the names of the equipment, and large poster board or whiteboard.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class into small groups.

2. Distribute the printed pictures or drawings of material handling equipment to each group.
3. Place the labels with the names of the equipment on a table.
4. Instruct each group to match the pictures with the corresponding labels.
5. Once they have completed the matching, have them stick the labels next to the correct equipment on the poster board or whiteboard.
6. Review the answers as a class, discussing the functions of each type of equipment.

Activity 2: Perform Role-Play on types of equipment.

Material Required: Props or objects representing goods (e.g., cardboard boxes, toy products), marked areas representing loading and unloading zones, labels indicating the type of material handling equipment being used.

Procedure:

1. Assign roles within each group, such as equipment operator, supervisor, and safety observer.
2. Provide a scenario, such as loading a delivery truck in a warehouse.
3. Explain the types of equipment available for use

a) forklift

b) conveyor,

c) pallet jack

4. Instruct the groups to perform the scenario, assigning specific tasks to each role.
5. Rotate roles to give students a chance to operate different types of equipment.
6. After the scenario, have a debriefing discussion where students share their experiences and observations.

Activity 3: Demonstration of safety of Equipment

Material required: Safety equipment (helmets, gloves, safety vests), and a designated area for the demonstration.

Procedure:

1. Begin with a discussion on the importance of safety when using material

handling equipment, referencing the provided information.

2. Demonstrate the correct way to wear safety equipment
3. Explain its purpose:
   a. helmets
   b. gloves
   c. safety vests
4. Show examples of unsafe practices and their potential consequences.
5. Divide the class into small groups and provide each group with safety equipment.
6. Instruct the groups to practice wearing the equipment and discuss scenarios where safety measures are crucial.
7. Conclude with a discussion on the significance of prioritising safety in material handling.

Activity 4: Prepare report on Equipment Selection for material handling

Material Required: Scenarios involving different material handling tasks (e.g., loading a shipping container, moving items within a warehouse), and pictures or descriptions of various material handling equipment.

Procedure:

1. Present different scenarios to the class, describing the tasks that need to be accomplished.
2. Provide options of material handling equipment for each scenario.
3. Discuss and decide which equipment would be the most appropriate for the given task.
   a) Material Characteristics Assessment
   b) Handling Requirements Evaluation
   c) Facility Layout and Space Constraints Analysis
   d) Throughput and Workload Assessment
   e) Safety and Ergonomics Prioritization
   f) Cost Considerations
   g) Flexibility and Scalability Evaluation
   h) Environmental Impact Assessment

4. Let each group present their choice and explain their reasoning.
5. Discuss the pros and cons of each selection as a class.
6. Prepare report.
7. Students should submit the report to their teacher.

Check Your Progress

Fill in the Blanks

1. Material handling equipment (MHE) in land transportation refers to a wide range of tools, vehicles, and machinery used to efficiently handle, move, and transport goods, products, or materials within a land-based _____.
2. Efficient material handling equipment in land transportation is essential for minimising costs, reducing damage to goods, improving productivity, and ensuring the _____ of workers.
3. Conveyors use motorised rollers or belts to move goods along a predetermined _____.
4. Trucks and trailers are powered by internal combustion engines (diesel or gasoline) and have transmissions to control _____ and direction.
5. AGV (Automated Guided Vehicles) are equipped with navigation systems, which can include laser guidance, magnetic tape, or other technologies to follow a predetermined _____.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following is a function of material handling equipment in land transportation?
   a. Sorting and baking
   b. Loading and unloading
   c. Painting and decorating
   d. Singing and dancing
2. What is one of the key advantages of using material handling equipment in transportation?
   a. Increased manual labour requirements
   b. Reduced damage to goods
   c. Slower loading and unloading processes
   d. Limited storage space optimisation
3. Which type of equipment is designed for transporting goods and comes in various sizes including pickup trucks and delivery vans?
   a. Buses
   b. Trucks
   c. Trains
   d. Bicycles
4. What is the primary purpose of the hoist mechanism in cranes?
   a. Lifting and lowering loads
   b. Extending and retracting the boom
   c. Controlling speed and direction
   d. Sorting and picking items
5. Which type of equipment is used for automated movement of goods

within controlled environments like warehouses and factories?

a. Forklifts
b. Conveyors
c. AGV (Automated Guided Vehicles)
d. Pallet Jacks

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. Material handling equipment is not essential for improving efficiency in land transportation.
2. Pallet Jacks can be both manually operated and electrically powered.
3. Monorails are often used in urban areas for personal transportation.
4. Conveyors use motorised belts or rollers to move goods.
5. Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) features automated, driverless vehicles.

D. Match the Columns

	Column A	S.No	Column B
1	Forklifts	A	Run on tracks embedded in city streets.
2	Trains	B	Uses a single rail, often in urban areas or theme parks.
3	Monorails	C	Human-powered vehicles for transportation and exercise.
4	Bicycles	D	Equipped with a hydraulic lifting system.
5	Trolleys and Streetcars	E	Used for both passenger and freight transportation on tracks.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Provide an example of a safety feature in material handling equipment.
2. Explain one advantage of using automated guided vehicles (AGV) in material handling.
3. What is the primary function of a conveyor in land transportation?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Discuss three reasons why efficient material handling equipment is crucial in land transportation.
2. Provide examples of industries where material handling equipment plays a pivotal role and explain why it is important in those industries.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Demonstrate the primary function of material handling equipment in land transportation?
2. Name three types of material handling equipment used in land transportation and briefly describe their functions.
3. Provide an example of a situation where using material handling equipment can lead to increased efficiency in transportation.
4. Spell out the role of conveyors in the material handling process.

Session 4: Essential Document Required in Land Transportation

For land transportation, there are several statutory documents that are legally required to be carried by the driver or operator. These documents help ensure compliance with transportation regulations and facilitate smooth operations. When a person is involved in transportation, especially in certain roles like drivers, operators, or logistics personnel, there are specific documents that they should carry. These documents help ensure compliance with legal and safety regulations, and they also facilitate smooth operations.

List of documents that a person may need to carry for transportation:

1. **Driver's License:** This is a legal requirement for anyone operating a motor vehicle. It authorises the person to drive a specific type of vehicle (Fig.1.40).

Fig. 1.40: Driver's License

2. **Vehicle Registration and Insurance:** These documents prove ownership of the vehicle and that it is legally allowed on the road. Insurance is crucial for covering any damages or liabilities in case of an accident.
3. **Vehicle Permit:** In some cases, vehicles may require special permits for specific routes or for transporting certain types of goods.
4. **Load Manifest or Bill of Lading:** If the transportation involves goods, a load manifest or bill of lading details (Fig.1.41) what is being transported, where it is going, and who is responsible for it.

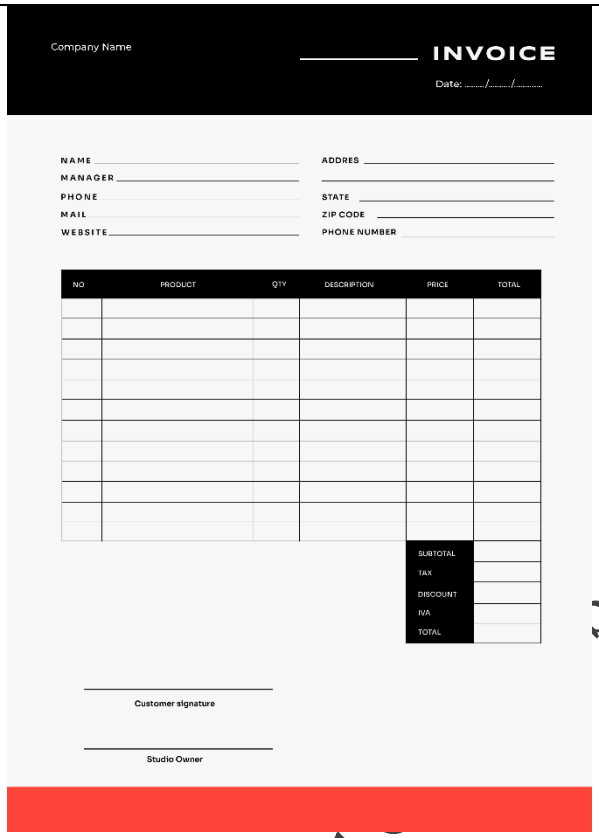

Fig. 1.41: Bill of Lading

5. **Waybill:** A waybill is a document issued by a carrier that details the route and goods being carried. It is particularly important for the transportation of goods across different jurisdictions.
6. **Transportation Contract or Agreement:** This document outlines the terms and conditions of the transportation service, including responsibilities of both parties (carrier and shipper).
7. **Logbook or Trip Sheet:** This is especially important for truck drivers. It records the details of a trip, including distance covered, rest breaks taken, and any incidents that occurred during the journey.
8. **Hazardous Materials Transport Documentation:** If transporting hazardous materials, specific documentation (like a Material Safety Data Sheet) is required by law.
9. **Identification Documents:** Personal identification documents like a passport, driver's license, or company ID may be needed, especially for cross-border transportation.
10. **Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Records:** These records demonstrate that the vehicle is in good working order and complies with safety standards.

Fig. 1.42: Medical Certificate

11. **Medical Certificate:** Commercial drivers may need to carry a medical certificate (Fig.1.42), especially for long-haul or heavy vehicle operation.
12. **Emergency Contact Information:** It is important to have contact information for the employer, local authorities, and any relevant emergency services.

The specific documents required can vary by country, state, and the nature of transportation (e.g., personal, commercial, or for-hire transportation). Always ensure you're familiar with local regulations and carry the appropriate documents accordingly. It is important to note that the specific requirements for statutory documents may vary by jurisdiction and type of transportation. It is the responsibility of the vehicle operator or driver to ensure that all necessary documents are up-to-date and readily available during travel. Failure to produce required documents can result in fines, penalties, or even impoundment of the vehicle.

PROCEDURE FOR ARRANGING DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION

Arranging documents for transportation involves gathering, organising, and ensuring that all necessary paperwork is in order before a journey. Below is a step-by-step procedure to help you with this process (Fig.1.43):

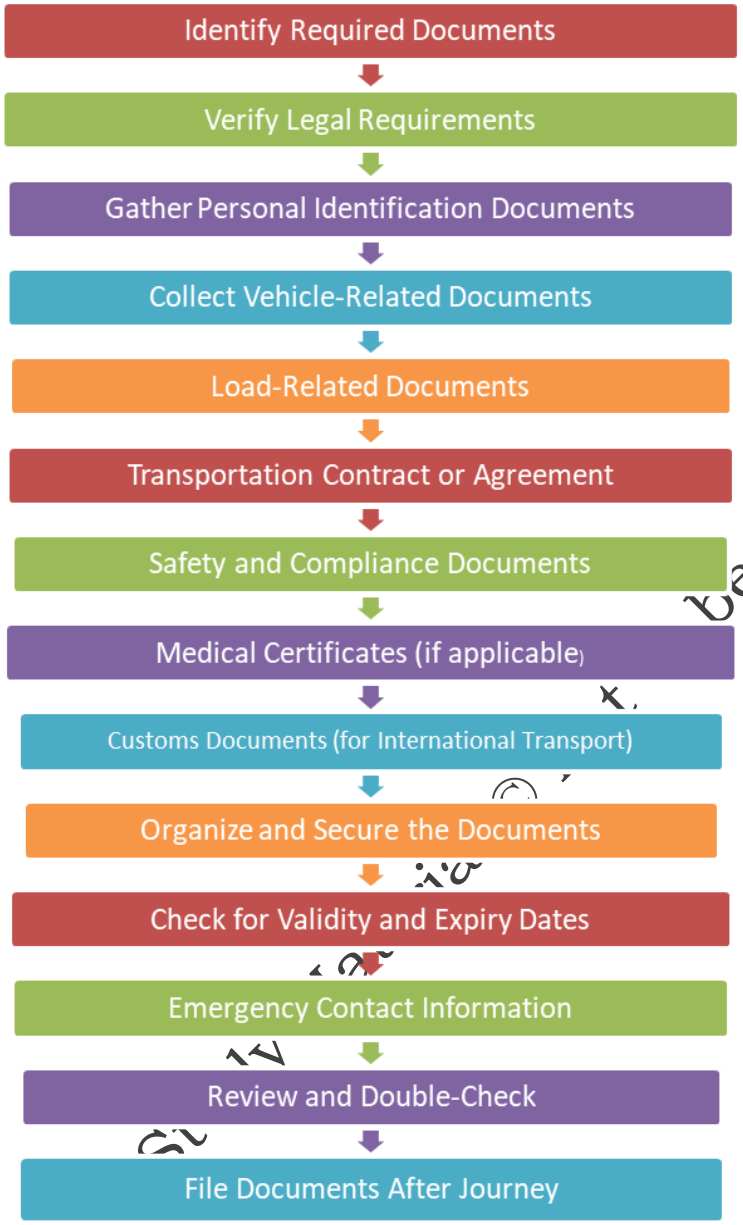

Fig. 1.43: Procedure for Arranging Documents for Transportation

1. **Identify Required Documents:** Make a list of all the documents needed for the specific type of transportation you're involved in. This could include driver's licenses, vehicle registration, permits, load manifests, etc.
2. **Verify Legal Requirements**: Research and familiarise yourself with the legal requirements for transportation in your region or for the specific type of transport you're undertaking. Different jurisdictions may have different rules.
3. **Gather Personal Identification Documents:** Ensure you have your personal identification documents, such as a driver's license, passport, or any other relevant IDs.

4. **Collect Vehicle-Related Documents:** Gather all documents related to the vehicle, including:

- Vehicle registration.
- Insurance papers.
- Road tax certificate.
- Vehicle permit (if required).

5. **Load-Related Documents:** If you're transporting goods, make sure you have:

- Load manifest or bill of lading.
- Waybill.
- Any special permits for oversized or overweight loads.

6. **Transportation Contract or Agreement:** If applicable, ensure you have a copy of the transportation contract or agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the service.
7. **Safety and Compliance Documents:** Include any documents related to safety and compliance, such as vehicle inspection and maintenance records, as well as permits for transporting hazardous materials.
8. **Medical Certificates (if applicable):** For commercial drivers, ensure you have the required medical certificates or documentation.
9. **Customs Documents (for International Transport):** If you're involved in international transportation, make sure you have all necessary customs documentation, including declarations and permits.
10. **Organise and Secure the Documents:** Arrange the documents in a logical order, keeping them in a secure and easily accessible location. Consider using a document folder or organiser.
11. **Check for Validity and Expiry Dates:** Verify that all documents are valid and haven't expired. Renew or update any that are nearing their expiry date.
12. **Emergency Contact Information**: Include a list of emergency contacts, including your employer, local authorities, and any relevant emergency services.
13. **Review and Double-Check:** Before departing, take a few moments to review all the documents to ensure you have everything you need.
14. **File Documents After Journey:** After the transportation is complete, file the documents appropriately for future reference or compliance audits.

By following this procedure, you'll be well-prepared with all the necessary documents for a safe and legal transportation journey. Remember to regularly

review and update your documents to stay in compliance with any changing regulations.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare sheet on Document Scavenger Hunt.

Materials Required: Pen/pencil, eraser, and notebook.

Procedure:

1. Prepare a list of the statutory documents mentioned in the provided information.
2. Give each student a copy of the list.
3. Instruct students to move around the classroom.
4. Find examples or representations of each document listed.

E.g.: Students should search for examples or representations of each document either physically (e.g., actual documents, ID cards) or digitally (e.g., online versions, sample templates).

5. Review the findings.
6. Ask students to explain the purpose and significance of each document.
7. Submit your sheet to your teacher.

Activity 2: Role-Play on Documents required by specific people.

Materials Required: Pen/pencil, eraser, and notebook.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class into pairs or small groups
2. Assign each group a specific role:

a) driver

b) law enforcement

c) customs officer

3. Provide a scenario where one group needs to present certain documents to another group (e.g., a driver being stopped by law enforcement).
4. Have groups act out the scenario, ensuring that the correct documents are presented.
5. After each role-play, discuss what went well and how the situation could be improved.
6. Teacher should give feedback.

Activity 3: Prepare Document Organisation Game.

Materials Required: Pen/pencil, eraser, notebook, and drawing sheet.

Procedure:

1. Prepare sets of document cards (each card representing a different statutory document).
2. Explain the rules and objective of the game. For example, students need to match each document with its description or category.
3. Distribute the cards to students or groups.
4. They must work together to correctly match the documents.
5. Go over the correct answers as a class.
6. Discuss any questions or clarifications.

Activity 4: Prepare Presentation on Document for transportation

Materials Required: Pen/pencil, eraser, and notebook.

Procedure:

1. Assign each student or pair a specific statutory document to research and present.
2. Allow time for students to gather information about their assigned document.
3. Have each student or pair present their findings, including the purpose and importance of their assigned document.
    a) Title Slide
    b) Introduction
    c) Current Challenges in Transportation
    d) Sustainable Transportation Practices
    e) Best Practices for Transportation Efficiency
    f) Future Trends and Outlook
4. Open the floor for questions and further discussion about the presented documents.
5. Teacher should display that document in class.

Activity 5: Perform Role-Play on Document Compliance.

Materials Required: Pen/pencil, eraser, and notebook.

Procedure:

1. Present a scenario where a driver must ensure they have all necessary documents before embarking on a journey (e.g., cross-border transport).
2. Have students act out the scenario, with one student taking on the role of the driver and another as an inspector or officer.
3. After the role-play, discuss the importance of compliance and how it impacts the safety and legality of transportation.
    a) Introduction to Document Compliance
    b) Understanding Regulatory Requirements

c) Document Classification and Organization

d) Document Security and Access Control

e) Auditing and Compliance Monitoring

f) Technology Solutions for Document Compliance

4. Submit your role-play script to your teacher.
5. Teacher should give feedback after the performance.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. A Driver's License is a legal requirement for anyone operating a _____ vehicle.
2. _____ and _____ documents prove ownership of the vehicle and its legality on the road.
3. Some regions require a road tax certificate as proof that the appropriate _____ have been paid for the vehicle.
4. A _____ is issued by a carrier and details the route and goods being carried.
5. It is important to have contact information for the _____, local authorities, and relevant emergency services.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does a Road Tax Certificate prove?

a) Vehicle ownership

b) Payment of appropriate taxes

c) Driver's eligibility

d) Insurance coverage

2. Which document is particularly important for the transportation of goods across different jurisdictions?

a) Load Manifest

b) Transportation Contract

c) Logbook

d) Waybill

3. What does a Medical Certificate verify?

a) Vehicle's roadworthiness

b) Driver's health for commercial driving

c) Insurance coverage

d) Road tax payment

4. In which scenario would a Permit for Oversized or Overweight Load be required?

a) Transporting standard-sized goods

b) Transporting hazardous materials

c) Transporting goods exceeding size or weight limits

d) Transporting goods internationally

5. What is the purpose of a Transportation Contract or Agreement?

a) Proving vehicle ownership

b) Outlining the terms and conditions of the transportation service

c) Providing emergency contact information

d) Verifying insurance coverage

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. A Load Manifest or Bill of Lading details what is being transported, where it is going, and who is responsible for it.
2. A Driver's License authorises the person to operate any type of vehicle.
3. A Road Tax Certificate is a mandatory document in all regions.
4. Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Records are necessary to demonstrate the vehicle's compliance with safety standards.
5. Failure to produce required documents during travel can result in fines, penalties, or impoundment of the vehicle.

D. Match the Columns

S. No	Column A	S. No	Column B
1	Waybill	A	Proof of payment of appropriate taxes.
2	Road Tax Certificate	B	Records details of a trip.
3	Logbook	C	Outlines terms and conditions of transportation.

4	Transportation Contract	D	Authorises the person to drive a specific type of vehicle.
5	Driver's License	E	Details the route and goods being carried.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Why is it important for a driver to carry a Driver's License?
2. What is the purpose of a Load Manifest or Bill of Lading?
3. When might a vehicle require a special permit for transportation?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the role of a Transportation Contract or Agreement in land transportation.
2. Why is it crucial for drivers to maintain Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Records?

G. Check Your Performance

1. Enlist the list of documents required for transportation.
2. Demonstrate how one can arrange documents for transportation.

MODULE 2	CONSIGNMENT BOOKING FOR TRANSPORTATION

Module Overview

Consignment booking in transportation involves the process of arranging for the transportation of goods or products from a sender (consignor) to a receiver (consignee) through a transportation service provider. This process typically includes various steps to ensure the smooth and efficient movement of the consignment. Automated systems and technology play a vital role in streamlining and optimising this process, ensuring a seamless experience for both the service provider and the customers. The transportation process typically initiates with a customer's request for goods transportation, conveyed through various channels like online platforms or direct interactions. Following this, pertinent details regarding the consignment, such as its nature, quantity, and delivery specifications, are gathered by the transportation service provider. Upon presenting a quotation with pricing details and service terms, the customer confirms the booking, facilitating the subsequent arrangement for consignment pick-up. Once collected, the goods are loaded onto suitable transportation modes and transported to the destination, with tracking mechanisms ensuring transparency throughout transit. Upon arrival, the consignment undergoes unloading and delivery to the consignee, with confirmation of receipt provided to finalize the process. This is accompanied by the generation of invoices and necessary documentation, ensuring the seamless completion of financial transactions and paperwork associated with the transportation service.

This MODULE will focus on consignment booking for transportation. the first session covers order booking, the second session includes type of vehicles for transportation, the third session focuses on transportation cost and the fourth session imparts about regulatory compliance of vehicles in transportation**.**

Learning Outcomes

Arrange for necessary requirements for the trip, consignment

- pickup and delivery Collect order details and the corresponding documentation for order booking
- Identify the type of vehicles required for transportation products
- Estimating the cost of transportation by interfacing with transportation agencies

- Verify the regulatory compliance of the vehicle to the transportation requirements

Module Structure

Session 1: Order Booking

Session 2: Type of Vehicles for Transportation

Session 3: Transportation Cost

Session 4: Regulatory Compliance of Vehicles in Transportation

Session 1: Order Booking

A sales order (Fig.2.1) is a formal document generated by a business in response to a customer's request to purchase specific products or services. It serves as a confirmation of the purchase and outlines the details of the transaction. The sales order is a crucial step in the sales process and initiates the fulfilment and delivery of the products or services to the customer.

Fig. 2.1: Sales Order

SALES ORDER PROCESS

The steps involved in a sales order process are listed below (Fig.2.2):

1. **Customer Information**: This includes the name, address, contact details (Phone number or E-mail) and purchase order number of the customer placing the order.
2. **Order Details**: Order details contain description and quantity of the products or services being ordered, item codes or product numbers for easy identification, prices & applicable discounts or promotions, and total amount for the order.
3. **Delivery Information:** Delivery information contains shipping address where the products will be delivered, preferred shipping method, delivery

date, and requested delivery window.

4. **Payments Terms:** Payment Terms includes payment method (e.g., credit card, net payment terms) and terms of payment i.e., due date, etc.
5. **Terms and Condition:** Any specific terms and conditions related to the sale, including return policy, warranties, etc.
6. **Order Date and Number:** The date when the sales order was created and a unique sales order number for tracking and reference.
7. **Sales Representative Information:** This includes name and contact details of the sales representative handling the order.
8. **Additional Notes or Comments:** Any additional information or special instructions related to the order.

Fig. 2.2: Sales Order Processing

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE KEPT IN MIND IN ORDER CONFIRMATION MAIL

Creating a clear and effective order confirmation email is crucial for providing a positive customer experience and ensuring a smooth transaction process. Following are some important things steps to keep in mind when crafting an order confirmation e-mail:

1. **Order Details:** Clearly list the ordered items, quantities, and prices, along with any applicable discounts or promotions.
2. **Order Number and Date:** Include a unique order number and the date of the order for easy reference and tracking.
3. **Customer Information:** Verify and confirm the customer's shipping

address, contact details, and any special instructions provided during the order.

4. **Payment Details:** Confirm the payment method used and summarise the transaction amount, including any taxes, shipping charges, and discounts.
5. **Shipping Information:** Provide details about the shipping method, estimated delivery date, and any tracking numbers if available. Offer a link to track the shipment.
6. **Billing Information:** Include the billing address and any other relevant billing details associated with the order.
7. **Contact Information:** Offer contact details (email, phone) for customer support in case of any inquiries or issues.
8. **Return and Refund Policy:** Outline the return and refund policy, including instructions for initiating returns or resolving issues with the order.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ORDER BOOKING

When booking an order for transportation services, several key documents are essential to facilitate a smooth and well-organised process. The documents are critical for efficient order booking, transportation, and tracking of shipments in the transportation industry, ensuring compliance with regulations and providing a clear record of the transaction. Following are the important documents required for order booking in the transportation industry: -

1. **Bill of Landing (BOL):** A crucial document that serves as a contract between the shipper, carrier, and receiver, outlining the details of the shipment, such as type of goods, quantity, destination, and shipping terms.
2. **Purchase Order (PO):** A document initiated by the shipper or customer, specifying the transportation services needed, including origin, destination, pickup date, delivery date, and any special instructions.
3. **Shipping Instructions:** Detailed instructions from the shipper regarding the handling, loading, and transportation of the goods, including any specific requirements for the carrier.
4. **Commercial Invoice:** An invoice issued by the shipper that provides a detailed breakdown of the goods being transported, their value, and any applicable taxes or duties.
5. **Booking Confirmation:** Confirmation from the carrier or transportation provider indicating acceptance of the order, including agreed-upon terms and conditions, rates, and service specifics.
6. **Carrier Rate Confirmation:** A document specifying the agreed-upon rates for transportation services between the shipper and the carrier.
7. **Shipping Labels and Packaging List:** Labels affixed to the cargo or packages indicating destination, handling instructions, and other relevant

details. A packaging list outlines the contents of each package.

8. **Insurance Documents:** Documents related to cargo insurance, providing coverage details and terms in case of loss, damage, or other incidents during transportation.
9. **Booking Acknowledgment**: Confirmation from the carrier acknowledging the receipt of the order and the booking of the shipment.
10. **Delivery Confirmation:** A document acknowledging the successful delivery of the goods to the recipient.

DIFFICULTIES IN BOOKING CUSTOMER ORDERS

Difficulty in customer booking orders in the transportation industry can significantly impact customer satisfaction and operational efficiency. Addressing these challenges is crucial to streamline the booking process. Following are the common difficulties in customer booking orders in transportation and solutions to overcome them: -

1. **Complex Booking Systems:** Complicated booking platforms or unclear booking procedures can deter customers.
2. **Limited Availability Information:** Customers may struggle to find real-time availability or accurate scheduling information.
3. **Lack of Clear Pricing:** Unclear pricing structures or hidden charges can lead to confusion and dissatisfaction.
4. **Difficulty in Modifying or Cancelling Bookings:** Customers might find it challenging to modify or cancel bookings.
5. **Complex Payment Procedures:** Customers may face challenges in completing payment transactions due to a cumbersome payment process.
6. **Inefficient Customer Support:** Slow or unresponsive customer support can lead to frustration and dissatisfaction.
7. **Language and Communication Barriers:** Language differences can hinder effective communication and understanding.
8. **Difficulty in Tracking Orders:** Customers might struggle to track their orders and obtain real-time updates.
9. **Complicated Account Creation:** Lengthy or complicated account creation processes can deter potential customers.

USE OF COMPUTERS FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION AND MAINTAIN CUSTOMER ACCOUNT

Using computers and appropriate software for electronic documentation and customer account management streamlines business processes, improves accuracy, enhances customer service, and contributes to the overall efficiency and success of the organisation.

TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS USING COMPANY'S FLEET

Transportation of goods using a company's fleet involves the management and operation of a dedicated set of vehicles owned or leased by the company to move products, materials, or equipment from one location to another. This is a common practice in various industries, including logistics, manufacturing, distribution, and construction. Following are the steps in transportation of goods using a company's fleet:

1. **Fleet Management:** Acquire a fleet of vehicles suitable for your specific transportation needs, which may include trucks, vans, delivery vehicles, or specialised equipment. Establish a routine maintenance schedule to ensure the fleet's vehicles are in optimal working condition.
2. **Route Planning:** Utilise route optimisation software to plan the most efficient delivery routes, considering factors like traffic, distance, delivery time windows, and vehicle capacity. Efficiently load goods onto vehicles, optimising space and weight distribution to minimise trips and fuel consumption.
3. **Goods Handling and Packaging:** Properly package goods to prevent damage during transit. Use appropriate materials, such as pallets, crates, or secure containers, and ensure goods are adequately secured. Train personnel to handle goods safely during loading and unloading, minimising the risk of damage or injury.
4. **Compliance and Documentation:** Ensure your fleet operations comply with all local, state, and federal regulations, including vehicle safety standards, weight limits, and environmental regulations. Maintain accurate records and documentation for each trip, including bills of lading, invoices, proof of delivery, and any necessary permits or licenses.
5. **Driver Management:** Provide comprehensive training to drivers, covering safe driving practices, customer service, and emergency procedures. Monitor driver's performance through telematics data and regular reviews. Address any issues related to safety or efficiency promptly.
6. **Safety and Security:** Implement safety measures such as vehicle inspections, safety equipment, and driver safety training to reduce accidents and ensure the security of goods in transit. Implement security protocols to protect goods from theft or damage during transportation.
7. **Customer Service:** Maintain clear and open communication with customers regarding delivery schedules, delays, and any issues that may arise during transportation. Provide customers with the ability to track their shipments and receive notifications about delivery status.
8. **Sustainability and Efficiency:** Implement fuel-efficient driving practices and technologies to reduce fuel consumption and environmental impact. Continuously evaluate and adjust routes to

minimise mileage and reduce emissions.

Activities

Activity 1: Role-Play on Understanding the Sales Order Process

Materials Required: Whiteboard and markers Printed or Digital copies of a sample sales order Document

Procedure:

1. Introduce the concept of a sales order and its importance in business transactions.
2. Display a sample sales order document on the whiteboard or share it digitally with the students.
3. Discuss each element of the sales order process, emphasizing the information included in
    a) customer information
    b) order details
    c) delivery information
    d) payment terms
    e) terms and conditions
    f) order date
    g) number, sales representative information
4. Engage students in a group discussion to analyse the significance of each step in the sales order process.
5. Encourage students to role-play scenarios involving the creation of a sales order, emphasizing effective communication and attention to detail.

Activity 2: Prepare Crafting Effective Order Confirmation Emails

Materials Required: Computers or laptops, Internet access Projector or screen

Procedure:

1. Explore real-world examples of order confirmation emails from different companies.
2. Discuss the key elements mentioned in the Important Things to be Kept in Mind in Order Confirmation Mail section.

a) Clarity and Conciseness
b) Accurate Order Details
c) Confirmation of Payment
d) Shipping Information
e) Order Number
f) Personalization
g) Prominent Contact Information
h) Branding Consistency
i) Gratitude and Appreciation
j) Confirmation of Terms and Conditions

3. Have students work in pairs or small groups to create a sample order confirmation email for a fictional business.
4. Encourage creativity and attention to detail in crafting the email.
5. Ask each group to present their order confirmation email to the class, explaining the rationale behind their choices.

Activity 3: Prepare Exploring Transportation Documentation

Materials Required: Whiteboard and markers Printed or digital copies of the list of documents required for order booking in transportation

Procedure:

1. Introduce the importance of documentation in the transportation industry for order booking.
2. Display or share the list of documents required for order booking in the transportation industry.

a) Bill of Lading (BOL)
b) Commercial Invoice
c) Packing List
d) Purchase Order (PO)
e) Shipping Instructions
f) Transportation Agreement
g) Insurance Certificate

h) Delivery Receipt

i) Customs Documentation

3. Engage students in a discussion about the significance of each document and how they contribute to a smooth transportation process.
4. Divide the class into groups and assign each group one or more documents to research in more detail.
5. Each group presents their findings to the class, highlighting the purpose and importance of the assigned document(s).

Activity 4: Perform role-play on Overcoming Challenges in Customer Order Booking

Materials Required: Whiteboard and markers Printed or digital copies of common difficulties in booking customer orders in transportation

Procedure:

1. Discuss the challenges outlined in the Difficulties in Booking Customer Orders section.
2. Engage students in a brainstorming session to identify potential solutions for each difficulty.
3. Facilitate a class discussion on the importance of addressing these difficulties in ensuring customer satisfaction and operational efficiency.

    a) Customer Satisfaction

    b) Operational Efficiency

4. Encourage students to share real-life examples or experiences related to these difficulties.
5. Submit your script to your teacher.

Activity 5: Embracing Technology for Efficient Business Processes

Materials Required: Computers or laptops Internet access Projector or screen

Procedure:

1. Discuss the benefits of using computers and appropriate software for electronic documentation and customer account management.
2. Introduce popular software tools used for electronic documentation and customer account management.

    a) Electronic Documentation Software

b) Customer Account Management Software

3. Demonstrate the basic functionalities of one such software tool, emphasizing its user-friendly interface and efficiency.
4. Have students explore the software individually or in pairs, simulating the process of managing customer accounts and electronic documentation.
5. Encourage students to discuss their experiences and insights regarding the use of technology in business processes.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ in transportation involves the process of arranging for the transportation of goods or products from a sender (consignor) to a receiver (consignee) through a transportation service provider.
2. _____ is a formal document generated by a business in response to a customer's request to purchase specific products or services.
3. The list of ordered items, quantities and prices, along with any applicable discounts or promotions is called as _____.
4. A document initiated by the shipper or customer, specifying the transportation services needed, including origin, destination, pickup date, delivery date, and any special instructions is called as _____.
5. Efficiently load goods into vehicles, optimising space and weight distribution to minimise trips and fuel consumption will be helpful for_____.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why is order booking important for businesses?

a) It helps in forecasting future sales and demand.

b) It helps in managing employee schedules.

c) It helps in improving workplace morale.

d) It helps in setting the company's vision and mission.

2. What is order booking?

a) Reserving a table at a restaurant.

b) Placing an order for a product or service.

c) Making a hotel reservation.

d) Confirming a flight ticket.

3. What is the purpose of an order confirmation?

a) To advertise new products.

b) To validate the customer's payment.

c) To confirm the details of the order.

d) To request customer feedback.

4. Which of the following is a common benefit of efficient order booking processes?

a) Delays in product delivery.

b) Increased customer satisfaction.

c) Higher product prices.

d) Decreased product quality.

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. Order booking involves recording and confirming a customer's request to purchase a product or service.
2. Order booking is an internal process and does not involve communicating with customers.
3. Order booking is a critical step in the order fulfilment process, ensuring that customer orders are accurately recorded and processed.
4. Efficient order booking can lead to improved customer satisfaction and loyalty.
5. Order booking is only relevant for product-based businesses, not service-based businesses.

D. Match the Columns

S.No.	Column A	S.No.	Column B
1	Customer Information	A	The process of arranging for the transportation of goods or products from a sender to a receiver through a transportation service provider.
2	Consignment Booking	B	Formal document generated by a business in response to a customer's request to purchase specific products or services.
3	Purchase Order	C	Name, address, contact details (Phone number or E-mail) and purchase order number of the customer.
4	Customer Service	D	A document initiated by the shipper or customer, specifying the transportation services needed, including origin, destination, pickup date, delivery date, and

			any special instructions.
5	Sales Order	E	Maintain clear and open communication with customers regarding delivery schedules, delays, and any issues that may arise during transportation.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Define Sales Order.
2. Describe the sales order process.
3. Give the meaning of Purchase Order.
4. What is booking acknowledgment?
5. What is Route Planning?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the different documents required for order booking.
2. Discuss the difficulties in booking customer orders.

G. Check your Performance

1. Prepare a chart on Consignment Booking Process.
2. Spell out the important things to be kept in mind in order confirmation mail.

Session 2: Type of Vehicles for Transportation

Selecting the appropriate type of vehicles for transporting products largely depends on various factors, including the nature of the products, their size and weight, the distance to be covered, and the specific requirements of the transportation job.

TYPES OF VEHICLES

Following are common types of vehicles used for transporting products and the scenarios in which they are suitable:

1. **Trucks:** Trucks" typically refer to large, motorized vehicles designed primarily for transporting goods or materials. Trucks come in various sizes and configurations, ranging from light-duty pickup trucks to heavy-duty semi-trailer trucks.

   a) **Box Trucks:** Box Trucks are suitable for general cargo, small appliances, electronics, and packaged goods. Trucks are available in various sizes, such as 10-foot, 16-foot, 24-foot, etc., to accommodate different load capacities.

   b) **Refrigerated Trucks:** These trucks are ideal for transporting perishable goods like food, pharmaceuticals, and other temperature-sensitive items. These trucks equipped with cooling or freezing MODULEs to maintain

specified temperature ranges.

c) Flatbed Trucks: These are suited for transporting heavy or oversized items, construction materials, machinery, and equipment. Open design allows for easy loading and unloading of large or irregularly shaped cargo.

d) Tanker Trucks: The design of the truck facilitates to transport liquids or gases, such as chemicals, petroleum, water, and gases. Trucks equipped with specialised tanks to ensure safe transport and delivery of the respective liquid or gas.

2. Cargo Vans: Cargo Vans are suitable for smaller loads and last-mile delivery of packages, parcels, or small-sized goods.

3. Trailers: Trailers are unpowered vehicles that are towed by a powered vehicle, such as a truck or a car. They are designed to transport goods, materials, or equipment and come in various types to suit different purposes.

a) Dry Van Trailers: Similar to box trucks but trailers are designed to be towed by a tractor MODULE. These trailers are effective for transporting non-perishable goods, palletised items, and boxed products.

b) Flatbed Trailers: Used for oversized or irregularly shaped cargo, construction materials, and heavy machinery. Provide flexibility in loading and can accommodate various types of cargo.

c) Refrigerated Trailers: Larger refrigerated MODULEs designed for transporting large quantities of perishable goods over long distances.

d) Container Trailers: Specifically designed for intermodal transportation, where containers can be easily loaded, secured, and transported by road, rail, or sea.

4. Specialised Vehicles: Specialized vehicles (Fig. 2.3) refer to vehicles that are designed or adapted for specific tasks, industries, or environments. These vehicles often have unique features, equipment, or configurations to meet the requirements of their intended use.

a) Car Carriers: Specifically designed for transporting automobiles and vehicles from one location to another. Carriers are equipped with ramps and hydraulic systems for easy loading and unloading.

b) Bulk Haulage Trucks: Designed for transporting bulk materials, such as grains, minerals, or liquids in large quantities. Variants include tipper trucks, cement mixers, and grain trucks.

c) Livestock Carriers: Used for transporting live animals such as cattle, poultry, or other livestock in a safe and humane manner.

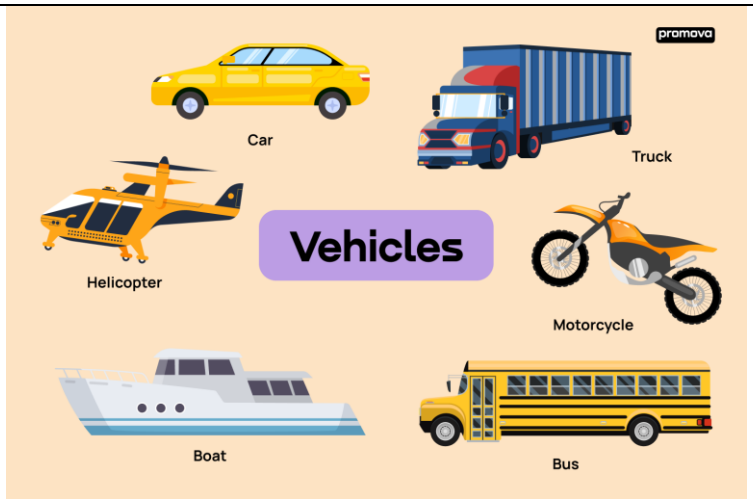

Fig. 2.3: Types of Vehicles

FACTORS FOR SMOOTH MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES ON ROAD

Smooth movement of vehicles on roads is crucial for road safety, traffic efficiency, and overall transportation effectiveness. To achieve this, various factors need to be considered and managed. Following are the key factors that contribute to the smooth movement of vehicles on roads:

1. **Traffic Flow Management:** They implement intelligent traffic management systems to optimise traffic flow. Using traffic lights, signs, and lane markings for orderly movement. Employing traffic control measures during peak hours or special events.
2. **Road Design and Infrastructure:** Well-designed roads, highways, and intersections can improve traffic flow. Proper road maintenance, resurfacing, and repair work.
3. **Lane Discipline and Road Rules:** Educating drivers to follow lane discipline, avoid unnecessary lane changes, and use lanes appropriately based on their speed and direction. Strict enforcement of traffic rules and penalties for violations to ensure compliance and maintain a safe and organised flow of vehicles.
4. **Driver Education and Awareness:** Educating drivers on the importance of safe driving practices, adherence to traffic rules, and consideration for other road users to maintain smooth traffic flow.
5. **Synchronised Loading and Unloading:** Coordinate loading and unloading activities to ensure minimal waiting time and congestion at loading docks and delivery points.
6. **Weather Considerations:** Developing strategies to handle adverse weather conditions to ensure the safe and smooth movement of vehicles during challenging weather situations.
7. **Environmental Considerations:** Encouraging eco-friendly vehicles and green practices to reduce emissions and contribute to a cleaner and more efficient transportation system.

NATURE OF GOODS WHICH ARE LOADING IN TRANSPORTATION

The nature of goods loaded for transportation varies widely based on the industry, product type, and specific requirements of shippers and recipients. Understanding the specific nature of the goods being transported is crucial for selecting the appropriate transportation mode, ensuring proper handling, and complying with relevant regulations to guarantee a safe and efficient journey to the destination.

Following are some common types of goods that are loaded for transportation:

1. **Consumer Goods:** Everyday products purchased by individuals, including electronics, appliances, clothing, furniture, and household items.
2. **Raw Materials:** Unprocessed materials used in manufacturing and production processes, such as metals, minerals, wood, and agricultural products.
3. **Finished Products:** Manufactured and processed goods ready for distribution and sale, ranging from packaged food items to assembled machinery.
4. **Perishable Goods:** Items that have a limited shelf life and require temperature-controlled transportation, such as fresh produce, dairy products, and pharmaceuticals.
5. **Bulk Materials:** Loose materials transported in large quantities, including grains, coal, ores, sand, and other granular or powdered substances.
6. **Automobiles and Vehicles:** Cars, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles transported from manufacturing plants to dealerships or directly to consumers.
7. **Medical Supplies and Pharmaceuticals:** Medical equipment, supplies, pharmaceuticals, and healthcare-related products transported to hospitals, pharmacies, and clinics.
8. **Electronics and Technology:** Electronic devices, components, and technology products like computers, smartphones, televisions, and other consumer electronics.

SPACE MANAGEMENT IN THE VEHICLES

Effective space management in vehicles for transportation involves maximising the utilisation of available cargo space to ensure optimal efficiency, reduced costs, improved safety, and timely deliveries. Properly organised cargo within a vehicle allows for increased load capacity and reduced operational expenses. Following are specific strategies for efficient space management in transportation vehicles:

1. **Cargo Organisation and Categorisation:** Organise cargo by grouping similar items together. This makes it easier to optimise space by arranging similar-sized items efficiently.
2. **Use of Storage Solutions:** Installing adjustable shelving and racks within the vehicle to store goods in an organised manner and maximise vertical space. Utilising storage bins and containers that can be stacked to make use of available vertical space and keep the cargo organised.

3. **Strategic Loading and Unloading:** Load items that need to be unloaded first at the back or on top, facilitating easier and quicker unloading. Designate specific zones for easy access to frequently needed items, enabling efficient loading and unloading processes.
4. **Utilise Overhead Space:** Installing compartments or storage systems on the ceiling of the vehicle to utilise otherwise unused overhead space for lighter or less bulky items.
5. **Optimal Packing and Stacking:** Pack cargo in a Tetris-like manner to fit items together snugly, minimising empty spaces and maximising capacity. Stack cargo vertically, ensuring stability and utilising the full height of the vehicle.
6. **Load Distribution:** Distribute the weight of the cargo evenly throughout the vehicle to maintain balance and stability during transportation.
7. **Efficient Vehicle Selection:** Choose the appropriate vehicle type based on the nature and size of the cargo to maximise available space and reduce unused capacity.
8. **Driver Training and Awareness:** Train drivers on effective space management techniques and the importance of proper cargo organisation to ensure efficient loading and unloading.

FACILITIES IN VEHICLES FOR LOADING VARIOUS TYPES OF GOODS

To facilitate the loading of various types of goods in transportation vehicles, different facilities and features can be incorporated. These facilities are designed to enhance efficiency, safety, and ease of handling during the loading and unloading process. Following are some key facilities that can be installed or utilised in vehicles for loading various types of goods:

1. **Pallet and Cargo Bars:** Utilise cargo bars, load bars, or load locks to secure pallets and cargo in place during transportation, preventing shifting and damage.
2. **Cargo Nets and Straps:** Install cargo nets, straps, and tie-downs to secure loose items, providing stability and ensuring safe transport.
3. **Cargo Dividers and Partitions:** Incorporate dividers and partitions to separate different types of cargo, preventing contact and damage during transit.
4. **Loading Ramps:** Equip the vehicle with loading ramps for easy and safe loading of heavy equipment, vehicles, or other bulky items.
5. **Side and Rear Access Doors**: Incorporate side and rear access doors for versatile loading options, especially for vehicles with multiple compartments.
6. **Roll-up Doors:** Use roll-up doors to provide easy access for loading and unloading cargo while maximising the use of available space.
7. **Climate Control and Refrigeration MODULEs:** Install climate control systems or refrigeration MODULEs for temperature-sensitive cargo, maintaining the required conditions during transportation.

8. **Vehicle Hydraulics:** Utilise vehicle hydraulic systems to lower the vehicle's height for easier loading and unloading, especially for heavy or oversized items.

LOADING OF GOODS (FTL and LTL)

Loading of goods is a critical step in the transportation and logistics process, ensuring that products are properly and safely placed in a vehicle for transportation from one location to another. Efficient and organised loading helps in maximising space, preventing damage to goods, ensuring safety, and optimising overall transportation operations.

Full Truckload (FTL): FTL refers to a shipment that occupies the entire capacity of a truck. The goods in an FTL shipment are typically from a single shipper and are delivered to a single consignee.

Characteristics of FTL

1. The shipper pays for the use of the entire truck, regardless of whether the space is fully utilised or not.
2. FTL is often chosen when a shipper has a large volume of goods to transport that can fill an entire truck.
3. The shipment is usually faster and more direct since it doesn't involve intermediate stops for other shipments.

Advantages

1. Faster transit times due to direct delivery.
2. Lower risk of damage or loss as the goods aren't handled as frequently during transit.
3. Ideal for large, bulk shipments.

Less Than Truckload (LTL): LTL refers to a shipment that doesn't fill an entire truck. Multiple shipments from different shippers are consolidated into a single truck, sharing the space and cost.

Characteristics of LTL

1. Shippers pay for the space their goods occupy, sharing the cost of transportation with other shippers.
2. LTL is suitable for smaller shipments that do not require a full truck's capacity.
3. Shipments from different shippers are combined at a hub or terminal and then sorted for delivery.

Advantages

Following are the advantages of LTL:

1. Cost-effective for smaller shipments, as the cost is shared among multiple shippers.
2. Efficient for shipping goods that don't fill a full truck.

Ideal for businesses with lower shipping volumes.

Activities

Activity 1: Perform Vehicle Selection Simulation

Materials Required: Computer or laptop with internet access**,** Simulation software or online tool for vehicle selection

Procedure:

1. Introduce the factors influencing the choice of vehicles for transportation.
2. Divide students into groups and provide them with access to the simulation tool.
3. In the simulation, students will be tasked with selecting the most suitable type of vehicle for different scenarios, considering factors like
    a) cargo type
    b) size
    c) weight
    d) distance
4. Each group presents their chosen vehicles and justifies their selections based on the given criteria.
5. Facilitate a class discussion on the importance of proper vehicle selection in logistics and transportation.
6. Submit your work to your teacher.

Activity 2: Demonstrate Loading and Unloading of goods

Materials Required: Model vehicles (toy trucks, vans, trailers), Various types of cargo (boxes, containers, small items), Loading dock or designated area for demonstration

Procedure:

1. Briefly explain the importance of efficient loading and unloading in transportation.
2. Demonstrate proper loading techniques using model vehicles and different types of cargo.
3. Divide students into pairs and provide them with model vehicles and cargo.
4. Each pair practices loading and unloading following the demonstrated techniques.

a) Proper Training

b) Use of Appropriate Equipment

c) Adherence to Safety Protocols

d) Regular Evaluation and Improvement

5. Discuss the challenges faced during the activity and strategies for improving efficiency.

Activity 3: Prepare Virtual Tour of a Transportation Hub

Materials Required: Virtual reality (VR) headsets or a computer with internet access, Virtual tour platform showcasing transportation hubs

Procedure:

1. Introduce the concept of transportation hubs and their role in logistics.
2. Organize a virtual tour of a transportation hub using VR headsets or a computer.
    a) Introduction
    b) Overview of the Hub
    c) Interactive Map
    d) Warehouse Area
    e) Loading Docks
    f) Administrative Offices
    g) Safety Features
    h) Environmental Initiatives
    i) Virtual Reality Experience
    j) Conclusion
3. During the tour, highlight different facilities and features within the transportation hub related to loading, unloading, and storage of goods.
4. After the virtual tour, conduct a discussion about the key elements observed and their significance in the logistics process.
5. Write down the observations which students had watched.
6. Submit it to your teacher.

Activity 4: FTL vs. LTL Decision-making Game

Materials Required: Whiteboard and markers**,** Scenario cards describing different shipping requirements

Procedure:

1. Explain the differences between Full Truckload (FTL) and Less Than Truckload (LTL) shipments.
2. Divide students into teams and provide each team with scenario cards describing different shipping needs.
3. Teams must decide whether an FTL or LTL approach is more suitable for each scenario.
4. Teams present their decisions, and the class discusses the reasoning behind each choice.
5. Conclude with a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of FTL and LTL shipping.

Activity 5: Perform role-play on Space Management.

Materials Required: Scale models of transportation vehicles**,** Assorted cargo items (boxes, cylinders, irregular shapes)**,** Measuring tape

Procedure:

1. Discuss the importance of effective space management in transportation vehicles.
2. Provide scale models of vehicles and a variety of cargo items.
3. Instruct students to arrange the cargo in the vehicles to maximize space utilization while ensuring stability.
    a) Emphasize maximizing space utilization while maintaining stability.
    b) Provide guidelines on proper stacking and organization of cargo.
    c) Demonstrate techniques for securing cargo to prevent shifting during transport.
    d) Encourage students to consider weight distribution and balance within the vehicle.
    e) Highlight the importance of following safety regulations and guidelines.
    f) Offer practical examples and hands-on exercises to reinforce learning.
4. Encourage measurements and calculations to determine efficiency.
5. Each group presents their loaded vehicles, explaining their approach to space management.
6. Facilitate a class discussion on the challenges faced and strategies

employed for efficient space management.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. A vehicle designed for transporting goods over long distances, often on highways, is called a _____.
2. A vehicle equipped to carry and transport perishable goods, typically used in the food industry, is called a _____.
3. _____refers to a shipment that doesn't fill an entire truck.
4. _____refers to a shipment that occupies the entire capacity of a truck.
5. Unprocessed materials used in manufacturing and production processes, such as metals, minerals, wood, and agricultural products are called as _____.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. A vehicle equipped to carry and transport liquids or gases is called a _____.

a) Truck

b) Tanker

c) Freight train

d) Cargo ship

2. Which vehicle is commonly used for transporting goods via waterways, such as rivers or seas?

a) Cargo plane

b) Container truck

c) Cargo ship

d) Train

3. What type of vehicle is commonly used for transporting goods over long distances on highways?

a) Truck

b) Train

c) Ship

d) Bicycle

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. A flatbed truck is suitable for transporting oversized or exceptionally large items.
2. A cargo ship is a common vehicle used for transporting goods over long distances via waterways.
3. A tanker is a vehicle specifically designed to transport goods in a

containerised form.

4. A scooter is a common vehicle used for transporting goods in the logistics industry.
5. A bicycle is often used for transporting goods over long distances in the logistics industry.

D. Match the Columns

S.No.	Column A	S.No.	Column B
1	Raw Materials	A	Everyday products purchased by individuals, including electronics, appliances, clothing, furniture and household items.
2	Consumer Goods	B	Unprocessed materials used in manufacturing and production processes, such as metals, minerals, wood, and agricultural products.
3	Automobiles and Vehicles	C	Items that have a limited shelf life and require temperature-controlled transportation, such as fresh produce, dairy products and pharmaceuticals.
4	Perishable Goods	D	Manufactured and processed goods ready for distribution and sale, ranging from packaged food items to assembled machinery.
5	Finished Goods	E	Cars, trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles transported from manufacturing plants to dealerships or directly to consumers.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Mention the different factors to be considered for smooth movement of vehicles on road.
2. Define Consumer Goods.
3. Define Perishable Goods.
4. What is FTL?
5. What is LTL?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Describe the different nature goods which are loading in transportation.
2. Write a note on space management in the vehicles.

G. Check your Performance

1. Prepare a chart showing different types of vehicles for transportation.
2. List out the characteristics of FTL and LTL.

Session 3: Transportation Cost

Transportation cost (Fig. 2.4) is the total expenditure incurred in moving goods or people from one location to another using various modes of transportation. It

encompasses all the expenses associated with the movement, including fuel, vehicle maintenance, labour, insurance, tolls, permits, and any other charges related to the transportation process.

Fig. 2.4: Transportation Costs

Components/Types of Transportation Cost

Following are the components/types of transportation cost:

1. **Fuel Costs:** One of the most significant components, fuel costs, can vary based on the type of fuel used (e.g., diesel, petrol, electricity) and the distance to be travelled.
2. **Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs:** Regular maintenance and occasional repairs of vehicles, including inspection, servicing, parts replacement, and repairs to ensure safe and efficient operation.
3. **Labour Costs:** Salaries, wages, and benefits for drivers, loaders, logistics coordinators, and other personnel involved in transportation operations.
4. **Insurance:** Insurance premiums covering the vehicle, cargo, liability, and other risks associated with transportation.
5. **Vehicle Depreciation:** The reduction in the value of the vehicle over time due to wear and tear, impacting its overall cost.
6. **Tolls and Permits:** Fees paid for using toll roads, bridges, tunnels, or any required permits for transportation.
7. **Equipment Costs:** Expenses related to vehicle acquisition, leasing, financing, or renting, including depreciation costs.
8. **Packaging and Loading Costs:** Costs associated with packaging, securing, and loading goods onto vehicles for safe transportation.

Factors Influencing Transportation Cost

Efficient management of transportation costs is essential for businesses to optimise their supply chain, enhance profitability, and remain competitive in the market. Balancing cost considerations with service levels and reliability is critical

in achieving an effective transportation strategy. Following are the factors influencing transportation cost:

1. **Distance:** The length of the transportation route significantly impacts fuel consumption, labour hours, and other variable costs.
2. **Mode of Transportation:** Different modes (e.g., road, rail, air, sea) have varying cost structures and efficiency levels, affecting overall transportation costs.
3. **Type of Cargo:** The nature, size, weight, and fragility of the cargo influence the choice of transportation mode and associated costs.
4. **Market Conditions:** Fluctuations in fuel prices, economic conditions, demand, and supply can impact transportation costs.
5. **Seasonal Variations:** Seasonal changes, weather conditions, and holidays can affect transportation schedules, availability, and costs.
6. **Regulatory Changes:** Changes in transportation regulations, tariffs, taxes, and compliance requirements can impact transportation costs.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

A transportation agency, also known as a transportation authority, is a governmental or quasi-governmental organisation responsible for planning, developing, managing, regulating, and overseeing various aspects of transportation infrastructure and services within a specific region or jurisdiction.

Transportation agencies aim to create an efficient, safe and sustainable transportation network that meets the needs of the commMODULEy, supports economic growth, and contributes to the overall well-being of the population within their jurisdiction.

NEGOTIATION WITH THE CUSTOMER

Negotiating transportation costs with customers is a common practice in the logistics and transportation industry. Effective negotiation can lead to mutually beneficial agreements that meet both the customer's budget expectations and the transportation provider's cost requirements. Effective negotiation requires understanding the customer's needs, transparent communication, and a focus on creating value for both parties. By demonstrating professionalism, flexibility, and a solution-oriented approach, you can negotiate transportation costs successfully.

Following are some steps and tips to negotiate transportation costs with customer:

1. **Understand the Customer's Needs:** The specific transportation needs of the customer, including cargo type, volume, delivery timeline, and any special requirements. Clarify any uncertainties and ask questions to gather detailed information about the shipment and their expectations.

2. **Determine Your Costs:** The total cost involved in providing the transportation service, including fuel, vehicle maintenance, labour, insurance, and any additional charges. Determine a reasonable profit margin that covers your costs while remaining competitive in the market.

3. **Offer Value-Added Services:** It emphasize any value-added services or benefits the transportation service provides to customer, such as real-time tracking, enhanced security, or specialised handling. Showcasing how the services can streamline their supply chain, improve delivery times, or reduce overall logistics costs.

4. **Negotiation Techniques:** It aims for a mutually beneficial agreement where both parties feel they've gained value from the negotiation. Understanding the customer's priorities & interests, and propose solutions that address those interests effectively. Be willing to make concessions, but ensure they are balanced and fair to maintain a healthy negotiation process.

5. **Present Pricing Structure:** It clearly presenting the pricing structure, including any discounts, fees, or surcharges that might apply. Offer the volume-based discounts for larger shipments or long-term contracts to incentivise higher volume commitments.

6. **Explain Cost Components:** It provides a transparent breakdown of the transportation cost components to justify the proposed pricing and educating the customer about market factors that influence transportation costs, such as fuel prices, seasonality, or regulatory changes.

7. **Flexibility and Customisation:** Offering flexible pricing options or customised packages that align with the customer's specific needs and preferences. If the customer finds the initial offer too costly, explore alternative pricing models or payment terms that can accommodate their budget constraints.

8. **Reach a Fair Agreement:** Discuss and negotiate contract terms, payment terms, delivery schedules, and any other relevant details to reach a comprehensive agreement. The document all agreed-upon the terms in a formal contract or agreement to ensure clarity and avoid misunderstandings.

9. **Maintain a Professional Relationship:** Nurture a professional and collaborative relationship with the customer, focusing on open communication and trust. Address any concerns or issues promptly to maintain customer satisfaction and a long-term partnership.

COMPARE THE RATES WITH DIFFERENT TRANSPORT COMPANIES

Transportation is a fundamental component of modern supply chains, ensuring the seamless movement of goods from origin to destination. When engaging in logistics planning, selecting an appropriate transport company with reasonable

rates is paramount to achieving cost-efficiency and service reliability. The following are the steps of how to effectively compare rates among various transport companies:

1. **Identify the Transportation Needs:** Determine the type of goods to be transported, their volume, weight, fragility, and any special handling requirements.
2. **Compile a List of Transport Companies:** Research and create a list of reputable transport companies that operate in the desired routes and areas.
3. **Compare Pricing:** Compare the pricing provided by each company. Ensure you're comparing similar services and accounting for any additional charges that may apply.
4. **Consider Service Offerings:** Evaluate the services offered by each company, including transit times, delivery options, tracking capabilities, and any value-added services.
5. **Assess Reliability and Reputation**: Research the reliability and reputation of each company by reading reviews, checking their safety records, and considering their experience and credibility in the industry.
6. **Check Insurance Coverage:** Inquire about insurance coverage for your shipment. A reputable company should offer adequate insurance options to protect your goods during transit.
7. **Review Contract Terms:** Carefully review the terms and conditions of the contract, including payment terms, cancellation policies, and any penalties for delays or changes.
8. **Consider Customer Support:** Assess the level of customer support provided by each company, including responsiveness, accessibility, and willingness to address your inquiries and concerns.

ADVANCE PAYMENT MECHANISM

Advance payment mechanisms in transportation are methods through which customers or clients provide payment for transportation services before the actual service is provided. Following are common advance payment mechanisms used in the transportation industry:

1. **Partial Prepayment**: Customers pay a portion of the transportation cost upfront before the service commences. The remaining amount is settled upon completion of the transportation service.
2. **Full Prepayment**: Customers pay the entire transportation cost in advance before the service starts. This is commonly used for smaller services or one-time transportation needs.
3. **Credit Card Payments:** Customers provide payment using credit cards in

advance. The credit card company secures the funds and ensures payment to the transportation provider.

4. **Bank Transfers:** Customers transfer the payment directly from their bank account to the transportation provider's account before the service. This is often used for international transactions.
5. **Online Payment Platforms**: Customers use secure online payment platforms like PayPal, Stripe, or similar services to make advance payments for transportation services.
6. **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** Customers electronically transfer funds from their bank account to the transportation provider's account in advance of the service.
7. **Cash Deposits:** Customers make cash deposits at the transportation provider's office or designated bank accounts, serving as an advance payment for the service.
8. **Retainers or Retention Payments:** In long-term contracts, a fixed amount or percentage is retained as an advance payment, ensuring the commitment of both parties throughout the contract period.

KEY BENEFITS OF ADVANCE PAYMENT MECHANISMS

Following are some of the key benefits of advance payment mechanism:

1. **Risk Mitigation:** Minimises the risk of non-payment or delayed payment, ensuring financial stability for the transportation provider.
2. **Service Assurance:** It provides assurance that customers are committed to using the transportation service, allowing for better planning and operations.
3. **Financial Security:** It secures funds before the service, ensuring that the transportation provider has the necessary resources to fulfil the service.
4. **Efficient Operations:** It allows for efficient scheduling and planning of transportation services, enhancing overall operational efficiency.

Activity

Activity 1: Perform Transportation Cost Calculation Exercise

Materials Required: Transportation cost calculation worksheet Pen/pencil and calculator

Procedure:

1. Provide students with a transportation cost calculation worksheet containing information on different cost components (fuel, maintenance, labour, etc.).

2. Instruct students to calculate the total transportation cost for a given scenario, considering the provided data.
    a) Explain the components of transportation costs, such as fuel, labour, maintenance, and overhead.
    b) Provide the necessary data, including distances, fuel prices, vehicle capacities, and labour rates.
    c) Guide students through the process of calculating fuel consumption based on distance and vehicle efficiency.
    d) Instruct students to estimate labour costs based on the time required for loading, unloading, and driving.
    e) Encourage students to factor in maintenance costs, such as vehicle depreciation and repair expenses.
    f) Emphasize the importance of accuracy and attention to detail in cost estimation.
    g) Offer practical exercises and examples to reinforce calculation skills.
3. Discuss the results as a class, emphasizing the significance of each cost component in the overall transportation cost.
4. Encourage students to explore variations in costs based on changes in distance, cargo type, or mode of transportation.
5. Teacher should keep worksheet in files.

Activity 2: Perform Transportation Agency Simulation

Materials Required: Role cards (transportation agency roles) Whiteboard and markers

Procedure:

1. Assign each student a role related to a transportation agency (e.g., planner, regulator, manager).
2. Provide a scenario involving transportation challenges within a specific region.
3. Students, in their assigned roles, collaborate to develop strategies and solutions to address the transportation challenges.
    a) Infrastructure Investment
    b) Technology Adoption
    c) Modal Shift
    d) Sustainable Practices

e) Collaboration and Partnerships

f) Last-Mile Delivery Solutions

g) Regulatory Reforms

h) Public Awareness and Education

i) Disaster Preparedness

j) Data-driven Decision Making

4. Each group presents their proposed solutions, and the class discusses the effectiveness and potential impacts of different approaches.
5. Teacher should give feedback.

Activity 3: Perform Role-Play on Negotiation.

Materials Required: Transportation cost negotiation scenarios**,** Role cards (Customer, Transportation provider)

Procedure:

1. Assign student's roles as customers or transportation providers.
2. Provide transportation cost negotiation scenarios, including details on cargo type, volume, and specific requirements.
3. Students engage in role-play, negotiating transportation costs while considering the factors discussed in class.

a) Understanding Cost Components

b) Analysing Transportation Needs

c) Market Research

d) Building Relationships

e) Leveraging Volume and Frequency

f) Flexible Pricing Structures

g) Performance Metrics and Incentives

h) Value-added Services

i) Contractual Agreements

j) Continuous Improvement

4. After the role-play, debrief as a class, discussing successful negotiation strategies and areas for improvement.
5. Teacher should give feedback.

Activity 4: Prepare Transport Company Comparison Project

Materials Required: Internet access**,** Spreadsheet software or paper and markers

Procedure:

1. Assign each student or group a specific transport company to research.
2. Instruct students to compare rates, services, and reputation of their assigned transport company with others in the industry.
3. Students present their findings using spreadsheets or posters, highlighting key factors such as
    a) Reliability
    b) Pricing
    c) customer reviews
4. Facilitate a class discussion on the importance of thorough research when selecting a transport company.
5. Students should submit their project to their concerned teacher.
6. Teacher should give feedback.

Activity 5: Perform Advance Payment Simulation

Materials Required: Simulated transportation service scenarios**,** Role cards (customer, transportation provider) Fake currency or tokens representing payment

Procedure:

1. Create simulated transportation service scenarios with varying distances, cargo types, and requirements.
2. Assign roles to students as customers or transportation providers.
3. Students negotiate transportation services and simulate advance payments using fake currency or tokens.
4. Discuss the advantages and challenges of advance payment mechanisms in transportation, considering both customer and provider perspectives.

a) Customer Perspective
    i. Cash Flow Constraints
    ii. Financial Risk
    iii. Lack of Flexibility
    iv. Provider Perspective

b) Competitive Disadvantage

i. Trust and Credibility

ii. Cash Flow Management

5. Student should submit their work to teacher.

6. Teacher should give feedback.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is the total cost incurred for transporting goods from the point of origin to the destination.
2. A key factor in determining transportation costs is the _____ of the goods being transported.
3. The choice of transportation mode can significantly impact _____ costs in logistics.
4. _____costs include expenses related to packaging and securing the goods for transport.
5. Customers electronically transferring funds from their bank account to the transportation provider's account in advance of the service is called as _____.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is included in transportation costs?
   a) Fuel and vehicle maintenance.
   b) Labour costs for warehouse personnel.
   c) Packaging materials.
   d) Administrative expenses.
2. Transportation cost optimisation is achieved through:
   a) Increasing fuel prices.
   b) Route planning and scheduling.
   c) Administrative expenses.
   d) Reducing cargo weight correct.
3. What factor is crucial for determining shipping costs in logistics?
   a) Packaging colour.

b) Weather conditions.

c) Weight of the goods.

d) Noise level.

4. Transportation costs can be reduced by:

a) Increasing accessorial charges.

b) Optimising routes.

c) Using larger packaging.

d) Employing more administrative staff.

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. Transportation costs include expenses such as fuel, vehicle maintenance, and driver wages.
2. Distance is not a significant factor in determining transportation costs.
3. Administrative expenses, such as documentation and customs clearance fees, are not considered part of transportation costs.
4. Technology solutions like GPS and telematics are not useful for monitoring and managing transportation costs.

D. Match the Columns

S.No.	Column A	S.No.	Column B
1	Full Prepayment	A	Customers pay a portion of the transportation cost upfront before the service commences.
2	Cash Deposits	B	Customers transfer the payment directly from their bank account to the transportation provider's account before the service.
3	Partial Prepayment	C	Customers make cash deposits at the transportation provider's office or designated bank accounts, serving as an advance payment for the service.
4	Bank Transfers	D	Customers provide payment using credit cards in advance.
5	Credit Card Payments	E	Customers pay the entire transportation cost in advance before the service starts.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. What do you mean by Transportation Cost?
2. Define Transportation Agency.
3. What is ETF?
4. Mention different modes of transportation.
5. What are the benefits of advance payment mechanisms?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the different components of transportation cost.
2. Write a note on advance payment mechanism.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Prepare a chart showing different modes of transportation.
2. How do you negotiate transportation costs with the customers?

Session 4: Regulatory Compliance of Vehicles in Transportation

Booking in transportation refers to the process of reserving seats, tickets, or accommodations for various modes of transportation such as flights, trains, buses, ferries, or rental cars. There are several challenges associated with booking in transportation, both from the perspective of the service providers and the consumers. Here are some common challenges:

1. **Availability and Scheduling:** Limited availability of seats or spaces, especially during peak seasons or for popular routes, poses a challenge for consumers trying to secure bookings at desired times.
2. **Booking Systems Reliability:** Technical glitches, downtime, or system failures in online booking platforms can disrupt the booking process and cause inconvenience to customers.
3. **Price Fluctuations and Transparency:** Rapidly changing prices and lack of transparency in fare structures can lead to confusion and frustration among consumers, making it difficult to plan and budget for travel.
4. **Overbooking and Overcapacity:** Overbooking seats or exceeding the capacity of a transportation service can result in conflicts, denied boarding, and dissatisfaction among travellers.
5. **Payment Security and Fraud Prevention:** Ensuring secure online payment processes and preventing fraudulent activities in bookings, including credit card fraud and identity theft.

6. **Customer Support and Assistance:** Providing timely and effective customer support to address booking issues, changes, cancellations, or special requirements is essential for customer satisfaction.
7. **Mobile Integration and Accessibility:** Optimising booking systems for mobile devices, ensuring a seamless user experience, and accommodating diverse user needs and preferences.
8. **Language and Localisation:** Offering booking platforms in multiple languages and providing localised information to cater to a diverse customer base.
9. **Cancellation and Refund Policies:** Clear and fair cancellation policies and processes that are communicated effectively to customers to minimise disputes and dissatisfaction.

Freight Transport Industry

The freight transportation industry is a critical sector that involves the movement of goods and cargo from one location to another. It plays a fundamental role in the global economy by facilitating trade, supporting supply chains, and ensuring the availability of products and raw materials. The industry encompasses various modes of transportation and logistics services to move goods efficiently and reliably.

Modes of Freight Transportation

Following are different modes of freight transportation:

1. **Road Transportation:** Involves the movement of goods via trucks, which is a common and versatile mode of freight transportation, especially for short to medium distances.
2. **Rail Transportation:** An efficient mode for transporting bulk commodities and heavy goods over long distances. Rail transport is particularly important for transporting raw materials like coal, minerals, and agricultural products.
3. **Maritime Transportation:** The movement of goods via ships, including container ships, bulk carriers, and tankers. It's a crucial mode for international trade and transporting goods across oceans and seas.
4. **Air Transportation:** The rapid transportation of high-value and time-sensitive goods via airplanes. Air freight is known for its speed and efficiency, especially for perishable goods and electronics.
5. **Pipeline Transportation:** Transporting liquids, gases, and other materials (e.g., oil, natural gas) over long distances. Pipelines are efficient for transporting bulk materials with minimal environmental impact.
6. **Intermodal Transportation:** Combining multiple modes of transportation (e.g., trucking, rail, and shipping) using standardised containers, providing

a seamless and efficient transport solution.

Fig. 2.5: Modes of Freight Transportation

Key Players in the Freight Transportation Industry

Following are the key players in the freight transportation industry:

1. **Freight Forwarders:** Coordinate and manage the transportation of goods on behalf of shippers, utilising various carriers and modes to optimise efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
2. **Logistics Companies:** Provide end-to-end logistics solutions, including warehousing, distribution, inventory management, and transportation to ensure smooth movement of goods.
3. **Shipping Companies:** Own and operate ships for maritime transportation of goods, including container ships, bulk carriers, tankers, and other specialised vessels.
4. **Trucking Companies:** Own and operate trucks for road transportation, moving goods within regions or across countries.
5. **Railroad Companies:** Manage and operate rail networks for the transportation of goods, particularly bulk commodities and heavy loads.
6. **Air Freight Carriers:** Airline companies or specialised air freight carriers that transport goods via air, offering expedited and high-value shipping options.

Challenges in the Freight Transportation Industry

Following are the challenges in the freight transportation industry:

1. **Infrastructure Limitations:** Inadequate or outdated transportation infrastructure, including roads, ports and railways, can hamper the efficiency and capacity of freight movement.
2. **Regulatory Compliance:** Adhering to varying regulations, tariffs, and trade policies across different countries and regions, which can be complex and time-consuming.
3. **Fuel Costs and Environmental Concerns:** Fluctuating fuel prices and the industry's environmental impact necessitate efforts toward fuel efficiency, alternative fuels, and sustainability.
4. **Congestion and Delays:** Traffic congestion, port congestion, and delays at customs can disrupt supply chains and increase costs.
5. **Security and Cargo Theft:** Ensuring the security of cargo during transit to mitigate the risk of theft and damage.
6. **Supply Chain Disruptions:** Natural disasters, geopolitical events, labour strikes, and pandemics can disrupt supply chains and impact freight transportation.
7. **Technological Integration:** Implementing and integrating advanced technologies to optimise operations, enhance tracking, and improve overall efficiency.

Contingency Planning in Transportation

Contingency planning in transportation involves creating strategies and measures to address and manage disruptions, emergencies, or unexpected events that could impact the transportation network and operations. These disruptions may include natural disasters, accidents, strikes, system failures, acts of terrorism, extreme weather conditions, and other unforeseen circumstances. The objective is to ensure continuity of services, public safety, and the efficient movement of goods and people. Following are the key components and steps involved in contingency planning in transportation:

1. **Risk Assessment and Analysis:** Identify potential risks and vulnerabilities that could affect transportation operations. Consider both internal and external factors that may cause disruptions.
2. **Develop Contingency Plans:** Create comprehensive contingency plans tailored to specific risks and scenarios. These plans should outline step-by-step actions to be taken to mitigate the impact of disruptions and restore operations.
3. **Alternate Routes and Modes:** Identify alternate transportation routes, modes, and carriers that can be utilised in case primary routes or modes are unavailable. Ensure redundancy to maintain essential transportation links.

4. **Communication and Coordination:** Establish clear communication channels and coordination protocols among stakeholders, including transportation agencies, emergency services, government bodies, and the public. Define roles and responsibilities for each stakeholder.
5. **Emergency Response and Preparedness:** Develop procedures for immediate response to emergencies, including evacuation plans, first aid measures, and incident management. Conduct regular training and drills to ensure readiness.
6. **Resource Allocation and Mobilisation:** Determine how resources, including personnel, equipment, and supplies, will be allocated during emergencies and disruptions to maximise their effectiveness.
7. **Data and Information Management:** Implement systems to gather, analyse, and disseminate real-time information and data related to the transportation network, enabling informed decision-making during disruptions.
8. **Risk Mitigation Measures:** Implement measures to mitigate risks, such as reinforcing critical infrastructure, improving safety measures, and incorporating redundancy and backup systems.

Importance of Contingency Planning in Transportation

Contingency planning in transportation is of paramount importance due to its role in ensuring the continued and reliable movement of goods, people, and critical services, especially during unforeseen events or disruptions. These disruptions can range from natural disasters and accidents to strikes, system failures, or even global health emergencies. Following are the key importance of contingency planning in transportation:

1. **Ensuring Continuity of Operations:** Contingency planning helps transportation systems continue essential services even during disruptions, ensuring that people and goods can move smoothly despite unforeseen circumstances.
2. **Minimising Economic Impact:** Timely and effective response through contingency planning can help minimise the economic impact of disruptions, preventing significant financial losses for individuals, businesses, and the economy as a whole.
3. **Safeguarding Public Safety:** Contingency planning prioritises public safety by enabling efficient evacuation plans, rerouting traffic away from hazards, and implementing necessary measures to prevent accidents and injuries during disruptions.
4. **Supply Chain Resilience:** By having alternate routes and modes of transportation in place, contingency planning ensures the resilience of supply chains, reducing delays and maintaining the flow of essential goods and services.

5. **Optimal Resource Utilisation:** Contingency planning helps in efficient resource allocation, enabling the transportation industry to utilise personnel, equipment and assets optimally during disruptions.
6. **Adaptability and Flexibility:** Contingency plans enhance the ability of transportation systems to quickly adapt to changing circumstances, minimising downtime and allowing rapid adjustments to maintain operations.
7. **Building Stakeholder Confidence:** Demonstrating a proactive approach through contingency planning instils confidence in stakeholders, including customers, investors and partners, showcasing the commitment to reliable and resilient transportation services.
8. **Mitigating Legal and Regulatory Risks:** Compliance with regulations and legal requirements related to transportation continuity and emergency response is ensured through well-structured contingency plans, preventing legal liabilities.

Different Geography and Distances

Geography and distances significantly influence transportation methods and infrastructure. Different geographies present unique challenges and considerations for transportation, which in turn impact the distances travelled and the modes of transportation used. Here's a breakdown of how various geographies and distances affect transportation:

1. **Urban Transportation:** Urban areas have dense populations, complex road networks, and limited space for expansion. The short to medium distances, focusing on mass transit systems like subways, buses, trams, etc., and pedestrian-friendly options.
2. **Suburban Transportation:** Less dense than urban areas with a mix of residential and commercial spaces. The short to medium distances, often relying on a combination of private vehicles and commuter rail or buses.
3. **Rural and Countryside Transportation:** These are sparse population, varied terrain, and often limited road infrastructure. The longer distances of this type would focus on road networks, rural public transit, and connectivity to urban centres.
4. **Coastal Transportation:** Proximity to coastlines, access to ports, and potential reliance on maritime transport.
5. **Island Transportation:** Isolated land masses surrounded by water, often requiring ferry or air transportation.
6. **Desert Transportation:** Long distances due to sparse population and limited infrastructure, requiring specialised vehicles and careful planning.
7. **Jungle and Rainforest Transportation:** Short to medium distances due to difficult terrain, relying on road maintenance, air travel, and specialised

vehicles.

Essential requirements for drivers in Logistic Transportation

In the logistics transportation sector, drivers play a critical role in ensuring the efficient and safe movement of goods from one location to another. To uphold safety, professionalism, and compliance with regulations, there are essential requirements for drivers in logistics transportation. These requirements encompass qualifications, skills, and adherence to legal and safety standards. Here are the key essential requirements:

1. **Valid Driver's License:** A valid and appropriate driver's license for the type of vehicle they operate (e.g., commercial driver's license for large trucks).
2. **Driving Experience:** Driver should have adequate driving experience, particularly in handling the specific type of vehicle they will be operating within the logistics industry.
3. **Good Driving Record:** A clean driving record with no major traffic violations, accidents, or incidents that could jeopardise safety on the road.
4. **Knowledge of Regulations:** Comprehensive understanding and adherence to local, regional, and national transportation laws and regulations, including Hours of Service (HOS) regulations.
5. **Safety Training:** Completion of safety training programmes covering defensive driving, accident prevention, cargo safety, and emergency response procedures.
6. **Physical Fitness:** Good physical health and meeting medical and fitness requirements to operate vehicles safely, which might include regular medical examinations.
7. **Drug and Alcohol Testing Compliance:** Compliance with drug and alcohol testing regulations, including pre-employment, random, and post-accident testing as required by law.
8. **Map Reading and Navigation Skills:** Proficiency in map reading, navigation, and using GPS systems to ensure accurate and efficient routing during transportation.
9. **Communication Skills:** Effective communication skills to interact with other team members, customers, and transportation authorities, ensuring smooth coordination during transit.

Importance of Staying in Connection with the Driver

Staying in connection with drivers in logistic transportation is of paramount importance as it facilitates efficient and effective transportation operations while ensuring safety, communication, and customer satisfaction. Following are the points highlighting the importance of maintaining communication and connection with drivers:

1. **Real-Time Updates:** Communication enables real-time updates on the progress of deliveries, allowing for accurate tracking and monitoring of shipments. This helps logistics managers and customers stay informed about delivery timelines.
2. **Safety and Security:** Staying connected with drivers promotes safety and security. In the event of emergencies or unexpected situations on the road, immediate communication can be vital for ensuring the well-being of the driver and the cargo.
3. **Route Optimisation:** Communication allows for adjustments to routes and schedules based on real-time traffic, weather conditions, and other factors that can affect delivery times. This ensures efficient use of resources and timely deliveries.
4. **Customer Satisfaction:** Communication with drivers helps provide accurate information to customers regarding delivery schedules. This transparency enhances customer satisfaction and trust in the logistics service.
5. **Problem Solving:** In the event of unforeseen issues such as vehicle breakdowns or road closures, staying connected with drivers allows for quick problem-solving. Coordination for repairs, alternative transportation, or rerouting can minimise delays.
6. **Compliance and Reporting:** Communication ensures compliance with regulatory requirements, including hours of service (HOS) regulations. Proper reporting and documentation of driver activities are essential for legal and safety reasons.
7. **Efficient Loading and Unloading:** Timely communication helps in efficient loading and unloading processes, reducing wait times at warehouses, distribution centres, and loading docks.
8. **Drivers' Well-Being:** Staying connected with drivers fosters a sense of support and concern for their well-being. This can positively impact drivers' morale and job satisfaction.
9. **Optimising Fuel Efficiency:** Communication can help reduce unnecessary idling and fuel consumption, contributing to cost savings and environmental sustainability.

Activity

Activity 1: Perform Booking System Simulation

Materials Required: Whiteboard/flip chart**,** Markers**,** Scenario cards (Peak season, technical glitch, overbooking, etc.)

Procedure:

1. Divide the class into two groups: service providers and consumers.
2. Provide each group with a scenario card detailing a booking challenge.
3. Both groups act out the scenarios, showcasing challenges and potential solutions.
4. After the simulation, facilitate a discussion on strategies to improve the booking process.
    a) Streamline Communication
    b) Automation and Digitization
    c) Standardization of Procedures
    d) Customer Self-Service Options
    e) Training and Development
    f) Performance Monitoring and Feedback
    g) Collaboration and Partnerships
    h) Continuous Improvement Culture
5. Student should submit their work.
6. Teacher should evaluate and award marks.

Activity 2: Perform Panel discussion on Freight Transport

Materials Required: Whiteboard/flip chart, Markers, List of freight transportation challenges

Procedure:

1. Create a list of challenges in the freight transportation industry.
2. Assign each challenge to a student or group for research.
3. Conduct a panel discussion where students present challenges and propose solutions.
    a) Current Challenges
    b) Technology and Innovation
    c) Sustainability Initiatives
    d) Infrastructure Development
    e) Regulatory Framework
    f) Supply Chain Resilience

g) Collaboration and Partnerships

h) Future Outlook

4. Encourage class participation through questions and additional insights.
5. Students should submit their report of panel discussion to their subject teacher.
6. Teacher should evaluate and share their feedback to students.

Activity 3: Prepare report on Contingency Plan

Materials Required: Paper**,** Markers**,** Flip chart or whiteboard

Procedure:

1. Provide a transportation disruption scenario (e.g., natural disaster).
2. Divide the class into small groups and task them with creating a contingency plan.
3. Each group presents its plan, highlighting risk assessment, critical functions, and resource allocation.

a) Identifying risks and threats.

b) Establishing response strategies.

c) Allocating necessary resources.

d) Implementing effective communication.

e) Conducting training and drills.

f) Monitoring and evaluating effectiveness.

g) Maintaining thorough documentation.

h) Fostering continuous improvement.

4. Encourage feedback and class discussion on the presented plans.
5. Teacher should summarize important highlights in class.
6. Students should submit their report.

Activity 4: Perform Geography and Transportation Mapping

Materials Required: World map or maps representing different geographies**,** Markers**,** Sticky notes

Procedure:

1. Assign each group a type of geography (urban, suburban, rural, etc.).
2. Ask groups to identify suitable transportation modes for their assigned

geography on the map.

3. Use sticky notes to mark transportation choices and discuss reasons behind selections.
4. Compare and contrast different group choices in a class discussion.
5. Teacher should give concluding feedback.
6. Students should submit their report.

Activity 5: Demonstrate the duty of Driver in Transportation.

Materials Required: Scenario cards (e.g., regulatory issues, emergency situations), Props (optional)

Procedure:

1. Assign scenarios to different students, representing challenges faced by drivers.
2. Students role-play scenarios, emphasizing how adherence to driver essentials is crucial.
    a) Safe Operation
    b) Vehicle Maintenance
    c) Cargo Security
    d) Timely Delivery
    e) Communication
    f) Compliance
    g) Documentation
    h) Emergency Response
    i) Customer Service
    j) Professionalism
3. Facilitate a class discussion on the role-play outcomes and the significance of driver requirements.
4. After completion of Role-play students should submit their script to your teacher.
5. Teacher should keep record of those script.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. The movement of goods or commodities from one place to another using various modes of transportation is known as _____.
2. _____ coordinate and manage the transportation of goods on behalf of shippers, utilising various carriers and modes to optimise efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
3. _____ transport goods via air, offering expedited and high-value shipping options.
4. _____ in transportation involves creating strategies and measures to address and manage disruptions, emergencies, or unexpected events that could impact the transportation network and operations.
5. Natural disasters, geopolitical events, labour strikes, and pandemics can disrupt _____ and impact freight transportation.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following is a primary mode of freight transportation for transporting goods across oceans and seas?

   a) Air freight

   b) Rail freight

   c) Ocean freight

   d) Road freight

2. Which mode of freight transportation is most suitable for high-value, perishable goods that require speedy delivery?

   a) Rail freight

   b) Air freight

   c) Road freight

   d) Ocean freight

3. A key objective of contingency planning in logistics is to:

   a) Minimise costs in transportation

   b) Ensure uninterrupted flow of goods and services

c) Maximise warehouse space utilization

d) Optimise supplier relationships

4. A logistics contingency plan should include:

a) Only one backup solution for potential disruptions

b) Multiple contingency options and their triggers

c) Exclusively financial considerations

d) None of the above

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1. A contingency plan in logistics is a proactive approach to prepare for and mitigate potential disruptions.

2. A contingency plan only needs to be implemented during emergencies or crises.

3. A key element of a logistics contingency plan is having alternative transportation routes in case of unexpected events.

4. Freight consolidation involves combining multiple smaller shipments into a larger shipment to reduce costs and optimise transportation.

5. Air freight is the slowest mode of transportation for long distances.

D. Match the Columns

S.No.	Column A	S.No.	Column B
1	Air Transportation	A	Involves the movement of goods via trucks, which is a common and versatile mode of freight transportation, especially for short to medium distances.
2	Road Transportation	B	Important for transporting raw materials like coal, minerals, and agricultural products.
3	Pipeline Transportation	C	Rapid transportation of high-value and time-sensitive goods.
4	Maritime Transportation	D	Transporting liquids, gases, and other materials over long distances.

5	Rail Transportation	E	Movement of goods via ships, including container ships, bulk carriers and tankers.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. State different modes of freight transportation.
2. List out the challenges in freight transportation industry.
3. What is Contingency Planning?
4. What is Route Optimisation?
5. What is freight transport industry?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the whole process of Contingency Planning.
2. Describe the essential requirements for drivers in logistic transportation.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Demonstrate the various challenges relating to booking of transportation.
2. Identify the key players in freight transportation industry?

MODULE 3	CONSIGNMENT PROCESSING IN TRANSPORTATION

Module overview

Consignment processing in transportation refers to the procedures and activities involved in handling and transporting goods from a shipper or sender to a receiver or consignee. This process includes various steps and documentation to ensure the smooth and efficient movement of goods from one location to another. Consignment processing in transportation is a critical aspect of supply chain management, as it ensures that goods are efficiently and safely transported to their destination. Proper documentation, communication and compliance with transportation regulations and safety standards are essential for the success of this process. Technology and software solutions are often used to streamline and optimise these processes for increased efficiency and accuracy.

Consignment processing in land transportation is of utmost importance due to several reasons, and it plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth, efficient and safe movement of goods from shippers to consignees. It ensures that goods move efficiently from their point of origin to their intended destination. This efficiency is critical for supply chain management, as it helps prevent delays and disruptions that can impact businesses and consumers. Proper handling and documentation during consignment processing help minimise the risk of loss and damage to goods. This is essential for protecting the value of the cargo and ensuring that customers receive their products in the expected condition. Many countries and regions have strict regulations governing the transportation of goods. Proper consignment processing helps shippers and carriers comply with these regulations, reducing the risk of legal issues, fines, and delays at border crossings. The transportation of goods involves potential safety risks, both for the cargo and the public. Effective consignment processing includes proper labelling, packaging and handling procedures to reduce the risk of accidents, spills or other safety incidents.

This MODULE will focus on the basics on consignment processing in land transportation. The first session includes consignment processing, mandatory documents of consignment processing, and vehicle regulatory requirements in land transportation. The second session covers lorry receipt and functions, transit insurance forms, and consignment agreement sheet. The third session relates to Goods and Services Tax (GST) permits for dispatching vehicles, transporter road permit papers and its importance, and advance payment to

transporter in land transportation. The last session involves with tracking and update of dispatching goods, vehicle movement and delivery of good, and close the order.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Arrange the mandatory documentation in LT
- Managing changes in volume, packaging, destination and other elements during the course of transportation
- Record the details in (enterprise resource planning) ERP for tracking of consignment and vehicle
- Record the delivery of goods and acknowledgement of receipt

Module Structure

Session 1 Consignment Processing

Session 2: Lorry Receipt

Session 3: Goods and Services Tax (GST) Permits for Dispatching Vehicles

Session 4: Tracking

Session 1: Consignment Processing

Consignment processing is a business arrangement in which one party (the consignor) entrusts goods, products or inventory to another party (the consignee) to sell on their behalf. This arrangement is commonly used in retail and wholesale businesses, as well as in various industries where distribution and sales are involved. In the context of land transportation, consignment processing refers to the management and transportation of goods or cargo from one location to another, often involving multiple parties and logistics operations. This process is commonly used in the shipping and transportation industry, and it is essential for the efficient movement of goods.

How the Consignment Process Works?

The consignment process primarily involves three parties; these includes:

- **Shipper**: The shipper is the entity or individual that has goods or cargo that need to be transported from one location to another. The shipper may be a manufacturer, distributor, retailer or anyone needing to move goods.
- **Consignee:** The consignee is the recipient or receiver of the goods. This could be a business or individual who is expecting the delivery.

- **Carrier:** The carrier is the transportation company responsible for moving the goods from the shipper to the consignee. Carriers can be trucking companies, freight companies, courier services, or any entity that provides transportation services.

Steps in Consignment Processing

Consignment processing in land transportation is a fundamental component of supply chain management and logistics (Fig. 3.1). It ensures that goods are efficiently and safely moved from one location to another while allowing for tracking, accountability and communication between all parties involved. Proper planning, documentation and coordination are essential for a smooth consignment processing experience, in land transportation.

The consignment processing in land transportation involves the following steps:

1. **Order Placement:** The shipper initiates the process by requesting transportation services. They provide details about the goods, including the type, quantity, weight and destination.
2. **Booking and Scheduling:** The carrier schedules the transportation, which may involve selecting appropriate vehicles, routes and delivery times. They also confirm the terms of the transportation agreement, including pricing and delivery expectations.
3. **Loading:** The shipper prepares the goods for transport, which includes packaging and loading them onto the carrier's vehicles. Proper handling and documentation are essential to ensure the cargo's safety and integrity during transportation.

Fig.3.1: Steps of Consignment Processing

4. **Transportation:** The carrier transports the goods from the shipper's location to the consignee's destination. This may involve various land transportation modes, such as trucks, trains, or a combination of them, depending on the distance and specific requirements.
5. **Tracking and Communication:** Throughout the transportation process, tracking and communication between the shipper, consignee, and carrier are crucial. Modern technology, such as GPS and communication systems, allows real-time tracking and updates on the status of the shipment.
6. **Delivery and Unloading:** Upon reaching the consignee's location, the carrier unloads and delivers the goods to the consignee. Proper documentation and Proof of Delivery (POD) are typically provided to confirm receipt.
7. **Billing and Payment:** After successful delivery, the shipper is billed by the carrier for their services. Payment terms are typically outlined in the transportation agreement.

Mandatory Documents of Consignment Processing

Consignment processing in land transportation requires various mandatory documents to ensure the legality, safety and efficiency of the transportation process. These documents help establish clear communication and accountability among all parties involved and often serve as legal records. Land transportation, which includes the movement of goods and passengers by road, is subject to various mandatory documentation and regulatory requirements to ensure safety, compliance and efficiency. These requirements can vary by country and region, so it's important to consult with local authorities and regulatory agencies for specific information. Here are some of the mandatory documents commonly associated with consignment processing in land transportation:

1. **Bill of Lading (BOL):** This is one of the most critical documents in land transportation. The BOL serves as a receipt for the goods being shipped and a contract between the shipper and the carrier. It includes details such as the type and quantity of goods, the shipper's and consignee's names and addresses, the origin and destination of the goods, and any special instructions.
2. **Freight Invoice:** This document outlines the financial details of the transportation service, including the shipping charges, additional fees, and payment terms. It is typically sent by the carrier to the shipper.
3. **Proof of Delivery (POD):** The POD is a document that confirms the successful delivery of the consignment to the consignee. It includes the date and time of delivery, the recipient's signature, and any remarks related to the condition of the goods upon delivery.

4. **Shipping Manifest:** A shipping manifest is a list that provides an overview of all the consignments being transported on a specific vehicle or route. It includes information about each consignment, including the shipper, consignee, and the goods being transported.
5. **Packing List:** A packing list details the contents of each consignment, including descriptions, quantities, and any special handling instructions. It helps ensure that the consignee receives the correct items and quantities.
6. **Commercial Invoice:** If the goods are being shipped internationally or for commercial purposes, a commercial invoice is required. This document provides a detailed description of the goods, their value, and other information needed for customs and taxation purposes.
7. **Waybill:** A waybill is a simplified document that accompanies the goods and serves as evidence of the contract of carriage. It does not convey title to the goods but provides essential information for the transportation process.
8. **Customs Documentation:** For international consignments, customs documentation, such as customs declarations and clearance forms, is essential to facilitate the import and export of goods.
9. **Insurance Documents:** If the goods are insured during transportation, insurance documents outlining coverage and terms are essential.
10. **Driver's License:** Drivers of land transportation vehicles, including cars, trucks, and buses, typically need a valid driver's license issued by the relevant government authority. The type of license required may vary depending on the type of vehicle and the cargo/passengers it transports.

The specific documents required may vary depending on the type of goods, the nature of the shipment, and the local and international regulations governing the transportation. It is essential for all parties involved to ensure that they have the necessary documents in place to avoid delays, legal issues, and logistical challenges during consignment processing in land transportation.

Vehicle Regulatory Requirements in Land Transportation

Vehicle regulatory requirements regarding width, height and length can vary significantly from one country or region to another, and they are often based on safety, infrastructure and environmental considerations. The number of axles on a vehicle can also impact these requirements. Below are some general guidelines on how these factors may be regulated in land transportation:

Width of the Vehicle: The width of a vehicle is typically regulated to ensure it can safely navigate roads and highways without impinging on adjacent lanes or causing traffic hazards. Most countries have regulations specifying a maximum allowable width for vehicles. For example, the standard maximum width for a commercial vehicle is 102 inches (8.5 feet). Exceptions may apply to certain types

of vehicles, like buses and recreational vehicles.

Height of the Vehicle: Vehicle height regulations are mainly in place to prevent vehicles from striking overhead structures like bridges and tunnels. The maximum allowable height can vary by jurisdiction.

Length of the Vehicle: The maximum allowable length of a vehicle can vary considerably between countries and regions, and it's often influenced by factors like road capacity and turning radii.

Number of Axles: The number of axles on a vehicle can influence the allowable weight and loading capacity. More axles can distribute weight more evenly and reduce the impact on roads. Weight limits, including those based on the number of axles, are often closely linked to road infrastructure and pavement strength. These limits can vary widely by region.

It's essential to check and adhere to local and national regulations for your specific area, as these rules can change and may differ significantly between countries and even within states or provinces.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare a role play on Consignment

Materials Required: Role cards (Shipper, Consignee, Carrier), Whiteboard/flip chart**,** Markers

Procedure:

1. Assign each student a role

a) Shipper

b) Consignee

c) Carrier

2. Provide a scenario where goods need to be transported from one location to another.
3. Students act out their roles, going through the steps of consignment processing.
4. Encourage students to discuss challenges, communication issues, and solutions after the play.
5. Teacher should summarize the important points.
6. Teacher should ask students to submit their report.

Activity 2: Prepare a Documentation Masterclass

Materials Required: Sample consignment documents (BOL, Freight Invoice, POD, etc.) Projector or whiteboard

Procedure:

1. Display various consignment documents on the board.
2. Discuss the purpose of each document and its significance in the consignment process.
    a) Inventory Management
    b) Customer Satisfaction
    c) Cost Efficiency
    d) Risk Management
    e) Regulatory Compliance
    f) Supply Chain Visibility
    g) Performance Measurement
    h) Collaboration and Communication
    i) Business Continuity
    j) Competitive Advantage
3. Divide students into groups and assign each group a document to analyze in detail.
4. Groups present their findings, highlighting key information and how it contributes to the consignment process.
5. Teacher should summarize the important points.

Activity 3: Prepare Regulatory Requirements Research Project

Materials Required: Internet access**,** Computers or tablets**,** Presentation software

Procedure:

1. Assign each student or group a specific aspect of vehicle regulatory requirements (width, height, length, axles).
2. Students research regulations in their assigned area.
3. Create presentations summarizing the regulations and highlighting differences between countries or regions.
    a) Scope Definition

b) Regulatory Landscape Analysis

c) Industry-Specific Focus

d) Stakeholder Engagement

e) Comparative Analysis

f) Compliance Challenges

g) Impact Assessment

h) Compliance Strategies

i) Case Studies

j) Recommendations

4. Present findings to the class, fostering discussion on the importance of regulatory compliance.
5. Teacher should summarize the important points.

Activity 4: Prepare Case Study Analysis on Consignment Processing

Materials Required: Case studies on consignment processing issues**,** Whiteboard/flip chart**,** Markers

Procedure:

1. Distribute case studies to student groups.
2. Groups analyze the challenges presented in the case studies and propose solutions.
3. Present findings to the class, discussing the practical application of consignment processing concepts.

a) Definition and Significance

b) Process Overview

c) Documentation Requirements

d) Inventory Management

e) Risk Management

f) Vendor Collaboration

g) Technology Integration

h) Compliance Considerations

i) Performance Metrics

j) Continuous Improvement

4. Teacher should summarize the important points.
5. Students should submit their case studies to their teachers.

Activity 5: Prepare quiz on Interactive Land Transportation Regulations

Materials Required: Prepared quiz questions on regulations**,** Interactive quiz platform or paper for responses

Procedure:

1. Conduct a quiz with questions related to vehicle width, height, length, axles, and other regulatory aspects.
2. Students respond individually or in teams using an interactive platform or paper.
3. Review answers together, discussing the rationale behind each correct response.
4. Reinforce the importance of understanding regulations for safe and legal transportation.
5. Teacher should summarize the important points.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. In the context of land transportation, consignment processing refers to the management and_____ of goods or cargo from one location to another.
2. The_____ is the recipient or receiver of the goods.
3. The shipper prepares the goods for transport, which includes _____ and_____ them onto the carrier's vehicles.
4. The_____ serves as a receipt for the goods being shipped and a contract between the shipper and the carrier.
5. Vehicle_____ requirements are often based on safety, infrastructure, and environmental considerations.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. In consignment processing, who is the party that sends the goods to be sold on behalf of the owner?

a) Consignor.

b) Consignee.

c) Customer.

d) Supplier.

2. What is the consignee's primary responsibility in consignment processing?

a) Owning the goods.

b) Distributing the goods to customers.

c) Paying for the goods upon receipt.

d) Selling the goods on behalf of the consignor.

3. Which document is used to specify the price and terms of payment for the consigned goods?

a) Purchase order.

b) Bill of lading.

c) Invoice.

d) Receiving report

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. The shipper is the entity or individual that has goods or cargo that needs to be transported from one location to another.
2. The carrier is the transportation company responsible for moving the goods from the shipper to the consignee.
3. Booking and scheduling in transportation involve selecting appropriate vehicles, routes and delivery times.
4. After successful delivery, the shipper is billed by the carrier for their services.
5. Proof of Delivery (POD) is a document that confirms the successful delivery of the consignment to the consignee.

D. Short Answer Questions

1. What is consignment processing?
2. Who is a shipper?
3. What is the responsibility of a career?

4. What is the importance of tracking?

E. Long Answer Questions

1. Discuss in group about the mandatory documents of consignment processing.

F. Check Your Performance

1. Identify the parties involved in the consignment processing.
2. Prepare a flow chart of consignment processing steps.

Session 2: Lorry Receipt

A Lorry Receipt in the context of land transportation, also referred to as a Lorry Waybill or Lorry Challan, is a critical document used to acknowledge the receipt of goods by a carrier, typically a lorry or trucking company, for transportation by road (Fig. 3.2). It is an essential part of the documentation process in land transportation, providing a clear record of the transaction and ensuring that both the shipper and the carrier are in agreement regarding the terms of transportation. While the specific format and content of Lorry Receipts may vary by region and business practices, their fundamental purpose remains consistent: to document the receipt of goods and establish the terms and conditions for their road transportation.

Functions of Lorry Receipt

It serves several important functions in the land transportation of goods:

- **Acknowledgment of Receipt:** The primary purpose of a Lorry Receipt is to acknowledge that the carrier has received the specified goods for transportation. It includes details about the goods, such as the type of cargo, quantity, weight, and any special handling instructions.
- **Contractual Agreement:** The Lorry Receipt acts as a contract of carriage between the shipper (consignor) and the carrier (lorry operator). It outlines the terms and conditions of the transportation, including the agreed-upon rates, delivery terms, and any special instructions.
- **Proof of Receipt:** The document provides evidence that the carrier has taken custody of the goods for transport. This proof is vital in case of disputes, losses, or damage during transit. The shipper may retain a copy for their records.
- **Routing and Destination Information:** The Lorry Receipt typically includes information about the intended route, destination, estimated delivery date, and any other relevant routing details. This information is crucial for planning and tracking the transportation.
- **Driver Information:** The document often contains the name and contact

information of the driver or the person responsible for transporting the goods. This information helps in communication and coordination.

- **Goods Inspection:** There may be a section in the Lorry Receipt for the carrier or driver to note any visible damage, discrepancies, or irregularities in the goods at the time of receipt. This can be crucial for claims and dispute resolution.

[Company Letterhead]

LORRY RECEIPT

Date: [Date of Issuance]
Receipt Number: [Unique Receipt Number]

To,
[Consignor's/Shipper's Name]
[Consignor's/Shipper's Address]

From,
[Consignee's/Receiver's Name]
[Consignee's/Receiver's Address]

Carrier/Transport Company:
[Carrier's/Transport Company Name]
[Carrier's/Transport Company Address]
[Carrier's/Transport Company Contact Information]

Goods Details:

1. Nature of Goods: [Description of the Goods]
2. Quantity: [Number of Packages, Weight, or Volume]
3. Consignment Note Number: [If applicable]
4. Loading Point: [Address of Loading Point]
5. Destination Point: [Address of Destination Point]

Lorry/Truck Details:

6. Lorry/Truck Registration Number: [Registration Number]
7. Driver's Name: [Driver's Name]
8. Driver's Contact Number: [Driver's Contact Number]

Receipt Details:

9. Date and Time of Loading: [Date and Time]
10. Place of Loading: [Location of Loading]
11. Date and Time of Departure: [Date and Time]
12. Expected Date and Time of Arrival: [Date and Time]

Conditions:

- The goods mentioned above are in apparent good order and condition at the time of loading.
- The responsibility for the safety and security of the goods during transit lies with the carrier until delivery to the consignee.

Acknowledgment:

I/We acknowledge the receipt of the goods described above in good order and condition. The responsibility for the goods' safety during transit is now with the

Fig. 3.2: Format of a Lorry Receipt

- **Sequential Numbering:** Lorry Receipts are usually serialised or sequentially numbered for tracking and reference purposes. This aids in record-keeping and audit trails.
- **Legal Document:** In some jurisdictions, the Lorry Receipt may have legal significance in the event of disputes or legal action related to the transportation of goods. It may be used as evidence in such cases.
- **Customs and Regulatory Compliance:** For cross-border land transportation, a Lorry Receipt may be required for customs clearance and regulatory compliance. It helps customs authorities verify the movement of goods and ensures that they are properly declared.
- **Delivery Confirmation:** Upon arrival at the destination, the driver or carrier hands over the Lorry Receipt to the consignee (receiver). The consignee may require it as proof of delivery and to take possession of the goods.

Transit Insurance Forms

Transit insurance in land transportation is a type of insurance that provides coverage for goods and cargo while they are being transported over land, typically by truck or other vehicles (Fig. 3.3). This insurance helps protect against various risks such as damage, theft or loss of the cargo during transit. Below, given is a general template for a transit insurance form in land transportation. It is important to keep in mind that specific requirements and the format of such forms may vary depending on your location and the insurance provider. It is essential to consult with a legal or insurance professional to ensure that the form complies with local regulations and suits your specific needs.

Importance of Transit Insurance Form

Transit insurance form in land transportation are essential for various reasons due to its significance in protecting the interests of all parties involved in the transportation process. Here are some key reasons highlighting the importance of transit insurance forms in land transportation:

- **Cargo Protection:** Transit insurance forms provide coverage for goods and cargo during their journey. This protection is crucial in safeguarding against various risks, including damage, theft, vandalism, accidents, and other unexpected events. Without insurance, the shipper or owner of the goods could face significant financial losses in the event of these risks.

[Company Logo]

Transit Insurance Form - Land Transportation

Policyholder Information:

Policyholder Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Policy Number: _____ Date of Coverage: _____

Cargo Details:

1. Type of Cargo: _____
2. Cargo Origin: _____
3. Cargo Destination: _____
4. Description of Cargo: _____
   (Include details like quantity, weight, value, and any special handling requirements)

Coverage Details:

5. Coverage Type:
   [ ] Comprehensive Coverage
   [ ] Theft and Pilferage Coverage
   [ ] Damage Coverage
   [ ] Other (Specify): _____

6. Sum Insured (Cargo Value): $_____

7. Effective Date of Transit: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Transit Route and Carrier Information:

8. Origin Address: _____
   (Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)
9. Destination Address: _____
   (Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)
10. Transportation Company: _____
11. Carrier's Contact Information: _____
    (Phone, Email)

Terms and Conditions:

12. The policyholder acknowledges that they have read and understood the terms and conditions of the transit insurance policy.
[ ] I accept the terms and conditions.

Policyholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Insurance Provider's Acknowledgment:

13. This is to certify that the above details have been received and processed for transit insurance coverage.
Insurance Agent Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____

Please make sure to review this form carefully, and consider consulting with a legal or insurance professional to ensure that it meets all the legal and regulatory requirements in your area. It's crucial to have a clear understanding of the coverage, terms, and conditions before signing any insurance contract.

Fig. 3.3: Transit Insurance Form - Land Transportation

- **Risk Mitigation:** Land transportation involves a range of risks that are beyond the control of the shipper, including road accidents, natural disasters, and criminal activities. Transit insurance helps mitigate these risks, reducing the financial burden on the shipper or consignee in case of loss or damage.
- **Legal and Regulatory Compliance:** In many regions, it is a legal requirement to have transit insurance for transporting goods. Using a transit insurance form ensures compliance with local laws and regulations related to cargo transportation. Failing to have proper insurance could result in legal penalties and liabilities.
- **Financial Security:** Transit insurance provides financial security to all parties involved in land transportation. Shippers can have peace of mind knowing that their cargo is protected, while carriers can operate more confidently, knowing that they are not solely responsible for losses during transit.
- **Smooth Claims Process:** In case of a mishap, having a properly documented transit insurance form simplifies the claims process. It helps in providing clear evidence of the cargo's condition at the time of loading and the terms of insurance coverage, making it easier to settle claims with the insurance provider.
- **Business Continuity:** Without insurance, a significant loss can disrupt business operations. Transit insurance ensures business continuity, as the financial impact of cargo loss or damage is absorbed by the insurance company rather than affecting the shipper's or consignee's financial stability.
- **Customer Trust:** Providing transit insurance can be a selling point for carriers and logistics companies. It instils trust and confidence in their customers, showing that they take the responsibility of cargo transportation seriously.
- **Risk Management:** Transit insurance allows businesses to manage their risk effectively. By carefully selecting coverage options, shippers and carriers can tailor their insurance to the specific needs of their cargo, routes, and risk tolerance.
- **International Trade Facilitation:** In international land transportation, transit insurance is often a requirement for customs clearance and compliance with international trade regulations. It helps goods move smoothly across borders.
- **Peace of Mind:** Last but not the least, the peace of mind offered by transit insurance is invaluable. It allows all parties involved in land transportation to focus on their core operations, knowing that their financial interests are protected.

Consignment Agreement Sheet

A "Consignment Agreement Sheet for Land Transportation" is a document that outlines the terms and conditions of a consignment arrangement specifically for the transportation of goods over land. This agreement sheet is used to define the responsibilities and expectations of both the consignor (shipper) and the carrier (transportation service provider) when it comes to the safe and timely delivery of goods. Here's an example template for such an agreement sheet:

Consignment Agreement Sheet for Land Transportation

Date:

Parties:

Consignor (Shipper):

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Carrier (Transportation Service Provider):

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

1. Consignment Details:

Description of Goods:

Quantity of Goods:

Total Weight:

2. Transportation Terms and Conditions:

2.1 Loading and Unloading: The consignor is responsible for the proper and timely loading of the goods onto the carrier's vehicle. The carrier is responsible for the safe unloading of the goods at the agreed-upon destination.

2.2 Transportation Route: The carrier will transport the goods along the route specified in this agreement. Any changes to the route must be agreed upon by both parties in writing.

2.3 Delivery Schedule: The carrier agrees to deliver the goods within the agreed-upon timeframe. Any delays must be communicated to the

consignor as soon as possible.

2.4 Cargo Security: The carrier is responsible for ensuring the security and safety of the cargo during transportation. Any damage, loss or theft of the cargo will be the responsibility of the carrier, unless caused by circumstances beyond their control.

2.5 Payment: The consignor will pay the carrier for transportation services as per the agreed-upon terms and rates. Payment terms are [Payment Terms, e.g., "upon delivery," "net 30 days," etc.].

2.6 Insurance: [Details about insurance coverage, if applicable.]

2.7 Termination: Either party may terminate this agreement with written notice.

3. Governing Law: This consignment agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of [Jurisdiction].

4. Signatures:

Consignor:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Carrier:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Activities

Activity 1: Demonstrate a role play on Lorry Receipt

Materials Required: Lorry Receipt templates**,** Role cards (Shipper, Carrier, Observer), Whiteboard/flip chart, Markers

Procedure:

1. Divide class into groups.
2. Provide Lorry Receipt templates to students.
3. Assign roles - Shipper, Carrier, and Observer.
4. Students act out a scenario where goods are handed over, and a Lorry

Receipt is issued.

a) Preparation of Goods

b) Loading onto Truck

c) Verification of Goods

d) Issuance of Lorry Receipt

e) Acknowledgment by Truck Driver

f) Departure from Loading Point

g) Transit and Transportation

h) Arrival at Destination

i) Verification by Consignee

j) Confirmation and Signing of Lorry Receipt

k) Record Keeping

5. The Observer notes key details and potential improvements.
6. Discuss observations, emphasizing the importance of accurate documentation.
7. Students should submit their script to their teacher.

Activity 2: Prepare Consignment Agreement Analysis

Materials Required: Sample Consignment Agreement Sheets Highlighters, Worksheets with questions related to agreement components

Procedure:

1. Distribute Consignment Agreement Sheets to students.
2. In pairs or individually, students analyse and highlight key components.

a) Parties Involved

b) Goods Description

c) Consignment Period

d) Consignment Fees

e) Delivery and Acceptance

f) Risk of Loss

g) Sales and Payment

h) Reporting and Records

i) Termination and Dispute Resolution

3. Use worksheets to answer questions about responsibilities, terms, and expectations.
4. Present findings and discuss variations in agreement formats.

Activity 3: Prepare case study on Insurance Decision Making

Materials Required: Case studies on cargo incidents**,** Transit Insurance Forms Whiteboard/flip chart**,** Markers

Procedure:

1. Present case studies of cargo incidents during transportation.
2. Students, acting as shippers or carriers, decide whether transit insurance would have been beneficial.
3. Discuss decisions, exploring the financial and operational impacts.
4. Introduce Transit Insurance Forms
5. Discuss role in risk mitigation.
6. Present that case study in class.

a) Risk Assessment

b) Coverage Evaluation

c) Cost-Benefit Analysis

d) Policy Comparison

e) Professional Advice

f) Claims History

g) Regulatory Compliance

h) Review and Revision

i) Risk Management Strategies

7. Student should submit their work to teacher.
8. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 4: Prepare quiz on Consignment Documentation

Materials Required: Quiz questions related to Lorry Receipts, Consignment Agreement Sheets, and Transit Insurance Forms**,** Quiz answer sheets

Procedure:

1. Conduct a quiz with questions on consignment documents.
2. Students answer individually or in teams.
3. Review answers and discuss any misconceptions.
4. Emphasize the importance of documentation accuracy.
5. Teacher should ask questions from the students.

Activity 5: Prepare Consignment Agreement Negotiation

Materials Required: Blank Consignment Agreement templates**,** Negotiation scenario cards**,** Whiteboard/flip chart and Markers

Procedure:

1. Provide blank Consignment Agreement templates to student pairs.
2. Assign negotiation scenarios with conflicting terms and conditions.
3. Students negotiate terms and fill out the agreement.
    a) Preparation
    b) Understand Needs
    c) Identify Interests
    d) Define Terms
    e) Negotiate Fees
    f) Specify Goods
    g) Establish Period
    h) Address Risk
    i) Include Termination Clause
    j) Review and Finalize
    k) Seek Legal Advice
    l) Maintain Relationship
4. Present negotiated agreement.
5. Discuss compromises made.
6. At last students should submit that form to the teacher.
7. Teacher should give feedback to the students.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. In land transportation, a lorry receipt is a crucial document that serves as evidence of the _____ between the consignor and the carrier.
2. The lorry receipt, also known as a _____, is issued by the carrier upon the acceptance of the goods for transportation.
3. The transit insurance form typically requires information about the_____, such as the starting point and the final destination.
4. When completing a transit insurance form, it is essential to provide accurate details about the_____, including the type of goods, their value, and the mode of transportation.
5. The consignment agreement also outlines the _____, including the commission rate and any additional terms and conditions governing the consignment arrangement.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is a lorry receipt in land transportation?

a) Invoice for transportation services.

b) Proof of delivery.

c) Document indicating ownership of the cargo.

d) Customs declaration form.

2. Who typically issues the lorry receipt in land transportation?

a) Consignor.

b) Consignee.

c) Customs office.

d) Insurance company

3. What is the primary purpose of a transit insurance form in land transportation?

a) Documenting the driver's information.

b) Calculating toll charges for the journey.

c) Providing details about the cargo for insurance coverage.

d) Verifying the lorry's fuel consumption.

4. What information is typically required about the goods on a transit

insurance form?

a) Date of manufacture.

b) The consignor's contact details.

c) Description, value, and type of goods.

d) Number of passengers on the lorry.

5. What is the primary purpose of a consignment agreement sheet in land transportation?

    a) Documenting toll charges.

    b) Specifying the lorry's fuel consumption.

    c) Outlining the terms of the consignment arrangement.

    d) Describing the route taken by the lorry.

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. A lorry receipt serves as a proof of ownership for the transported goods.
2. The consignee typically issues the lorry receipt in land transportation.
3. Transit insurance forms are primarily used to document the weight and dimensions of the cargo.
4. Accurate specification of the transit route on the insurance form is unnecessary for determining the insurance premium.
5. A consignment agreement sheet outlines the terms of the consignment arrangement between the consignor and the carrier.

D. Short Answer Questions

1. Write five different functions of lorry receipt.
2. What is acknowledgement receipt?
3. Write five importance of transit insurance form.
4. What is a consignment agreement sheet?

E. Check Your Performance

1. Spell out the importance of lorry receipt in land transportation.
2. Demonstrate the importance of transit insurance form.
3. Prepare the transport terms and conditions of consignment agreement sheet?

Session 3: Goods and Services Tax (GST) Permits for Dispatching Vehicles

Goods and Services Tax (GST) permits for dispatching vehicles in land transportation vary by country, and regulations may change over time. However, in many countries, especially those with a GST or similar Value-Added Tax (VAT) system, there are specific GST-related requirements for the land transportation of goods. It's important to note that GST regulations are subject to change, and they can differ significantly from one country to another. Additionally, the specific requirements and procedures may vary based on the nature and scale of the transportation business. For accurate and up-to-date information on GST permits and compliance in land transportation, it is advisable to consult with a local tax authority, a tax professional or legal counsel familiar with the GST regulations of the relevant jurisdiction. Following are the key aspects related to GST permits in land transportation:

- **GST Registration:** Most countries with GST or VAT systems require businesses engaged in the transportation of goods to register for GST. This involves obtaining a GST identification number.
- **GST Invoice:** When a transportation service is provided, businesses must issue a GST-compliant invoice to their clients. This invoice typically includes details such as the GST identification number, the client's GST identification number (if applicable), and the GST amount charged.
- **Input Tax Credit (ITC):** Carriers and logistics companies that have incurred GST on their input costs (e.g., fuel, vehicle maintenance) are often eligible for an Input Tax Credit. This means they can deduct the GST paid on these expenses from the GST they collect on their services.
- **GST on Transportation Services:** GST is typically levied on the transportation service provided, and the rate may vary depending on the country and the type of transportation (e.g., road transport, rail transport, air transport). The rate may also vary based on the type of goods transported.
- **GST on Goods Transported:** In some cases, GST may also apply to the goods being transported. The responsibility for collecting and remitting this tax may fall on the transporter, the consignor (shipper), or the consignee (receiver). This can vary by jurisdiction.
- **GST Compliance:** Businesses involved in land transportation are generally required to comply with GST laws, which include timely filing of GST returns, remitting the collected GST to the government, and maintaining proper records.

- **GST Exemptions and Special Provisions:** Some jurisdictions provide exemptions or special provisions for specific types of land transportation, such as for agricultural or essential goods. These exemptions can vary and should be researched based on the country's regulations.
- **Cross-Border Transportation:** When land transportation involves international borders, additional GST and customs requirements may apply. This may include customs declarations and compliance with international trade agreements.
- **Penalties and Fines:** Non-compliance with GST regulations can result in penalties and fines. It is essential for businesses in land transportation to understand and adhere to the GST requirements of their respective countries to avoid legal issues.

Transporter road permit papers

'Transporter road permit papers' typically refers to the legal documents and permits that are required for a vehicle or carrier to operate on public roads. These permits and papers may vary by location and are essential to ensure that transportation operations are in compliance with local, state, or national regulations. Some common road permits and papers include:

1. **Vehicle Registration**: This is a basic requirement, and it proves that a vehicle is legally registered with the appropriate transportation authorities.
2. **Driver's License:** The driver operating the vehicle must possess a valid driver's license that corresponds to the vehicle type.
3. **Commercial Driver's License (CDL):** In many cases, drivers of commercial vehicles or trucks are required to hold a CDL, which allows them to operate large or commercial vehicles legally.
4. **Vehicle Insurance:** Proof of insurance coverage for the vehicle is typically required to cover potential accidents or damages.
5. **Motor Carrier Operating Authority:** For instance, motor carriers involved in interstate commerce require operating authority through a registration with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
6. **International Road Permits**: When conducting international transportation, especially in the case of cross-border or cross-country trips, specific international permits or agreements may be necessary. For example, in Europe, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) may issue the TIR Carnet, which allows for customs-cleared transit through multiple countries.
7. **Permit for Oversized/Overweight Loads:** Vehicles carrying oversized or overweight loads may need special permits to comply with weight and size regulations. These permits specify the conditions and routes for

transportation.

8. **Trip Permits:** For vehicles that are not regularly engaged in cross-border travel, temporary permits for specific trips may be required.
9. **Hazardous Materials Permits:** If transporting hazardous materials, carriers must have the appropriate hazardous materials endorsements and permits.
10. **Fuel Permits:** Certain jurisdictions may require specific permits or decals to operate a vehicle that uses fuel subject to taxation.
11. **State-Specific Permits:** Different states within a country may have their own unique permit requirements or taxes for commercial vehicles.
12. **Vehicle Inspection Reports:** Regularly scheduled vehicle inspections and the associated reports are often required to ensure the vehicle's safety and roadworthiness.

It's crucial to check with local transportation authorities and regulatory bodies to determine the specific permit and paper requirements for your transportation operations. Non-compliance with these regulations can lead to fines, penalties and disruptions to your transportation services.

Importance of Transporter Road Permits Papers

Transporter road permit papers are essential documents in land transportation as they play a crucial role in ensuring the legality, safety and smooth operation of transportation activities. Here are some key aspects highlighting the importance of transporter road permit papers:

1. **Legal Compliance:** Transporter road permits are often a legal requirement imposed by regulatory authorities. Operating without the necessary permits can result in legal consequences, such as fines or even the suspension of transportation services.
2. **Route Authorisation:** Road permits specify the authorised routes for transportation. This is crucial for ensuring that vehicles are operating within approved areas, helping to regulate traffic and prevent congestion.
3. **Vehicle Identification:** Permits typically include details about the vehicles covered, such as registration numbers, vehicle types, and load capacity. This helps authorities and other road users easily identify and monitor authorised vehicles.
4. **Safety and Security:** Road permits may include safety requirements and standards that transporters must adhere to, promoting safer transportation practices. This is important for minimising the risk of accidents and ensuring the security of transported goods.
5. **Environmental Considerations:** Some road permits may include

environmental regulations, such as emission standards, to promote environmentally friendly transportation practices.

6. **Revenue Collection:** Transporter road permits often involve fees and taxes paid to the relevant authorities. This revenue contributes to the maintenance and improvement of transportation infrastructure.
7. **Monitoring and Control:** Permits allow regulatory authorities to monitor and control the movement of vehicles. This oversight is crucial for maintaining order on the roads, enforcing regulations, and responding to emergencies.
8. **Facilitating Cross-Border Movement:** In the case of cross-border transportation, road permits are essential for ensuring compliance with the laws and regulations of different countries. They facilitate the movement of goods across borders by providing documentation that proves legal authorisation.
9. **Insurance Requirements** Some road permits may require transporters to have valid insurance coverage. This ensures that, in the event of an accident or damage, there is financial coverage for potential liabilities.
10. **Public Accountability:**

Transparency: The existence of road permits enhances transparency in the transportation sector. It allows the public and relevant authorities to know who is operating on the roads, what routes they are taking, and whether they are compliant with regulations.

Advance payment to transporter in land transportation

Making an advance payment to a transporter in the context of land transportation is a common practice, especially when arranging the movement of goods by truck or other land-based vehicles. This advance payment is made to secure the transportation services and establish a commitment between the shipper or consignor and the carrier.

How Advance Payment to a Transporter in Land Transportation Works?

1. **Agreement:** The shipper (consignor) and the transportation service provider (carrier) agree on the terms and conditions of the transportation service. This includes details such as the shipment's origin and destination, the type and quantity of goods to be transported, the delivery schedule, and the agreed-upon freight charges.
2. **Advance Payment:** As part of the agreement, the shipper often makes an advance payment to the carrier. The advance payment can be a percentage of the total transportation cost or a fixed amount agreed upon by both parties. The advance payment is usually required to confirm the booking and secure the transportation service.

3. **Booking Confirmation:** Upon receiving the advance payment, the carrier confirms the booking and takes the necessary steps to fulfill the transportation service. This may involve scheduling a truck, assigning a driver, and preparing for the shipment.

4. **Transportation:** The carrier picks up the goods at the agreed-upon location and transports them to the destination as per the terms of the agreement. During this phase, the carrier may provide updates on the shipment's status.

5. **Billing and Settlement:** After the transportation service is completed, the carrier prepares the final invoice, considering the advance payment made. The shipper is invoiced for any remaining balance or additional charges if applicable. Settlement is typically made after the delivery is confirmed.

Reasons for Making Advance Payments in Land Transportation:

1. **Reservation and Commitment:** Advance payments serve to secure the transportation service and demonstrate the shipper's commitment to the arrangement. They provide assurance to the carrier that the shipper intends to use their services.
2. **Working Capital:** For carriers, advance payments provide working capital to cover operational expenses, such as fuel, maintenance, labour, and other costs associated with the transportation service.
3. **Risk Mitigation:** Advance payments can help mitigate the risk of non-payment by the shipper after the transportation service is provided. This is especially important for carriers, as it reduces their financial risk.

4. **Leverage Negotiation:** Some carriers may offer more favourable terms or rates when an advance payment is made, as it reduces their financial risk. To ensure a smooth and mutually beneficial transportation arrangement, it's essential for both parties to establish clear terms and conditions regarding advance payments in the transportation agreement. The specific terms, including the percentage of the advance payment and the timing of the payment, should be documented to avoid misunderstandings and disputes.

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Activities

Activity 1: Demonstrate the concept of GST in Land Transportation

Materials Required: Whiteboard/flip chart, Markers, GST-related documents from different countries, Examples of GST invoices

Procedure:

1. Briefly explain the basics of GST in land transportation.
2. Divide the class into groups and provide GST-related documents from different countries.
3. Students analyse the documents, identify key components, and present their findings.
4. Discuss similarities and differences between GST systems in various regions.
5. Students should note down the key points in their notebook.
6. Students should submit that notebook to their teacher.

Activity 2: Prepare GST Invoice Creation

Materials Required: GST invoice templates, Sample transportation service details Computers or paper and pens

Procedure:

1. Provide transportation service details (origin, destination, goods type, quantity, etc.).
2. In pairs or individually, students create a GST-compliant invoice.
3. Emphasize the inclusion of essential GST details, such as GST identification numbers.
    a) Invoice Number and Date
    b) Product or Service Description
    c) HSN or SAC Code
    d) Taxable Value
    e) GST Rates and Amounts
    f) Total Invoice Amount
    g) Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM)
    h) Place of Supply
4. Present and discuss the invoices, highlighting compliance elements.
5. Submit that invoice to your teacher.

Activity 3: Perform Role-Play on GST Compliance Check

Materials Required: Scenario cards, Role cards (shipper, carrier, tax authority),

Whiteboard/flip chart, Markers

Procedure:

1. Divide class into groups.
2. Assign roles - shipper, carrier, tax authority.
3. Provide scenario cards describing a transportation transaction.
4. Students enact the scenario, ensuring compliance with GST regulations.
5. Discuss challenges faced during the role-play and ways to address them.
6. Students should submit that script to their concerned teacher.

Activity 4: International Land Transportation Process

Materials Required: World map, GST regulations for different countries, Case studies on international transportation

Procedure:

1. Introduce the concept of international land transportation.
2. Assign countries to student groups, providing their respective GST regulations.
3. Students analyse case studies involving cross-border transportation, considering GST implications.
    a) Customs Clearance
    b) Loading onto Truck
    c) Transit
    d) Border Crossing
    e) Transit Documentation
    f) In-Transit Storage
    g) Customs Clearance
4. Present findings and discuss challenges in international GST compliance.
5. Submit findings to your concerned teacher.

Activity 5: Prepare GST Quiz

Materials Required: Quiz questions on GST in land transportation, Quiz answer sheets

Procedure:

1. Conduct a quiz with questions related to GST regulations, invoices, and compliance.

2. Students answer individually or in teams.
3. Review answers and discuss any misconceptions.
4. Emphasize the importance of staying informed about GST changes.
5. Teacher should give printout of that quiz sheet to their students.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. GST means_____.
2. At the time of transportation service is providing businesses must issue a _____invoice to their clients. (GST-compliant)
3. Carriers and logistics companies that have incurred GST on their input costs are often eligible for an _____.
4. The carrier picks up the goods at the agreed-upon location and transports them to the destination as per the terms of the agreement is called as_____.
5. Making advance payments to cover operational expenses is called as _____.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the primary purpose of a transporter road permit?
   a) Tax evasion
   b) Ensuring road safety
   c) Facilitating interstate transportation of goods
   d) Monitoring fuel consumption
2. A transporter road permit is essential for transporting goods:
   a) Within the same city
   b) Across state borders
   c) Only during night time
   d) Exclusively by air
3. Advance payments to transporters are often linked to the negotiation of favourable _____ terms.
   a) Credit
   b) Insurance
   c) Maintenance

d) Fuel

4. What is a common reason for making advance payments in land transportation?

   a) To increase transportation costs

   b) To secure transportation services

   c) To discourage timely delivery

   d) To complicate payment processes

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. Advance payments to transporters are always required in land transportation.
2. Advance payments are typically made to transporters to cover unexpected fuel price increases.
3. VAT means Value Added Tax.
4. Most countries with GST or VAT systems require businesses engaged in the transportation of goods to register for GST.
5. When land transportation involves international borders, additional GST and customs requirements may apply.

D. Match the Columns

S.No.	Column A	S.No.	Column B
1	Reservation and Commitment	A	Advance payments can help mitigate the risk of non-payment by the shipper after the transportation service is provided.
2	Leverage Negotiation	B	Advance payments serve to secure the transportation service and demonstrate the shipper's commitment to the arrangement.
3	Agreement	C	Advance payments provide to cover operational expenses, such as fuel, maintenance, labor, and other costs associated with the transportation service.

4	Risk Mitigation	D	Some carriers may offer more favourable terms or rates when an advance payment is made, as it reduces their financial risk.
5	Working Capital	E	The shipper (consignor) and the transportation service provider (carrier) agree on the terms and conditions of the transportation service.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Mention the things involved in GST Invoice.
2. Explain CDL.
3. Mention the things involved in agreement between shipper and the transportation service provider.
4. What do you mean by working capital?
5. Give the meaning of Transporter Road Permit Papers.

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the reasons for making advance payments in land transportation.
2. Discuss the different road permit papers required for transportation.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Demonstrate how Goods and Tax permits are required for dispatching vehicles.
2. Prepare a chart on a sample of agreement between shipper and the transportation service provider.

Session 4: Tracking

Tracking and updating the dispatch of goods in a system for land transportation is crucial for ensuring the efficient and transparent movement of cargo. This process involves the use of transportation management software or systems to log and update information related to the dispatch of goods. Updating the system periodically to reflect any changes in the quantity, packaging or destination of goods is essential for ensuring accurate and efficient land transportation. This helps in keeping all stakeholders informed and minimising disruptions. Following are the ways through which we can update the system when changes occur:

1. Regular Checkpoints: Establish regular checkpoints or milestones in your transportation management system where updates can be made. Common

checkpoints include when goods are picked up, in transit, and delivered.

2. Quantity Changes: If there is a change in the quantity of goods being transported, update the system as soon as you become aware of it. This may involve adjusting the initial quantity entered in the system.

- Include the reason for the quantity change, such as additions or subtractions of items.
- If the quantity change affects the cargo space needed, the system should automatically adjust the vehicle allocation accordingly.

3. Packaging Changes: The need for packaging changes based on factors such as product requirements, market trends, regulatory compliance, and customer feedback.

- If the packaging of the goods is modified, record the changes in the system.
- Include details about the new packaging, such as the type, dimensions and weight.
- Ensure that the system can recalculate the space required and any weight limits based on the new packaging.

4. Destination Changes: The need of destination changes:

- In case the destination for the goods changes, update the system immediately.
- Include the new delivery address, contact details, and any specific delivery instructions.
- If the new destination affects the route, the system should re-compute the optimal route.

5. Communication: Inform all relevant parties about these changes. This includes the transportation team, the consignor (shipper), and the consignee (receiver).

6. System Notifications: Configure your transportation system to send automated notifications or alerts when changes are made. This keeps stakeholders informed in real-time.

7. Revised Documentation: If applicable, update and generate new transportation documents, such as revised bills of lading, to reflect the changes accurately.

8. Reporting and Visibility: Ensure that the updated information is visible to authorised users within your organisation and can be accessed through the transportation management system.

9. **Regular Monitoring:** Continuously monitor the system for updates and changes, especially when the goods are in transit.

10. **Verification and Confirmation:** Before the goods are dispatched, verify all the changes in quantity, packaging, and destination to ensure they are accurately recorded in the system.

By implementing these procedures and utilising a transportation management system that allows for real-time updates and adjustments, you can effectively manage changes in quantity, packaging and destination throughout the transportation process, ensuring that all parties involved are well-informed and that the shipment proceeds smoothly.

Update Information on Vehicle Movement

Updating information on vehicle movement is essential for effective tracking and monitoring of the transportation process. This information is crucial for ensuring the timely and secure delivery of goods. Here are the steps to update vehicle movement information for ease of tracking:

1. **Real-Time Tracking Technology: U**tilise real-time tracking technology, such as GPS (Global Positioning System) or telematics devices, installed in the vehicles. These technologies provide accurate and up-to-date location information.
2. **Integration with Transportation Management System (TMS):** Ensure that the tracking technology is integrated with your transportation management system (TMS) or software. This integration allows for seamless data transfer and real-time visibility.
3. **Regular Updates:** Update the system with the vehicle's current location and status regularly, typically at predefined intervals (e.g., every 5 minutes). This information is sent automatically by the tracking technology.
4. **Route Updates:** If the vehicle deviates from the planned route due to traffic, road closures, or other factors, update the system with the new route information. This ensures that all parties are aware of changes in the route.
5. **Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA):** Provide real-time ETA updates based on the current location and speed of the vehicle. This allows the shipper and consignee to anticipate the arrival time.
6. **Traffic and Weather Updates:** Integrate real-time traffic and weather data into the tracking system. This helps in making informed decisions and adjustments to the route as needed.
7. **Geo-Fencing Alerts:** Set up geo-fencing alerts to notify stakeholders when the vehicle enters or exits predefined geographic zones. This can be useful

for monitoring key milestones or specific delivery locations.

8. **Status Updates:** Update the system with relevant status information, such as "In Transit," "Arrived at Destination," "Delivered," or any exceptions (e.g., delays, breakdowns).
9. **Electronic Proof of Delivery (e-POD):** Utilise electronic proof of delivery solutions that allow drivers to capture and upload recipient signatures and delivery confirmations in real-time. This provides evidence of successful delivery.
10. **Security and Privacy:** Ensure that data privacy and security measures are in place to protect the real-time tracking information

By consistently updating information on vehicle movement in real-time and integrating this data into your transportation management system, you can enhance the efficiency and visibility of your transportation operations. This transparency benefits all stakeholders involved and allows for proactive decision-making when unexpected events or delays occur.

Delivery of Good and Close the Order

Certainly, when goods are delivered and an acknowledgment is received in the context of land transportation, closing the order in the system and raising an invoice is an important part of the logistics and accounting process. Following are the steps:

1. **Delivery and Acknowledgment:** Confirm that the goods have been successfully delivered to the consignee (receiver) and that an acknowledgment receipt has been signed or confirmed electronically.
2. **Access the System:** Log into your transportation management system (TMS) or accounting software, ensuring that you have the necessary permissions to create invoices.
3. **Locate the Order:** Find the specific order in your system that corresponds to the delivered goods. This order should contain all relevant details, such as the shipment information, delivery address, and any special instructions.
4. **Update Order Status:** Change the order status in your system to "Delivered" or a similar designation that indicates the successful delivery. This status change is crucial for tracking and reporting.
5. **Generate Invoice:** Initiate the process to create an invoice for the delivered goods. Depending on your system, look for options like "Create Invoice" or similar.
6. **Invoice Details:** Populate the invoice with the necessary information, including:

- **Billing Details:** Ensure that the billing details are accurate, typically including the consignor's (shipper's) information.
- **Invoice Date:** Specify the date on which the invoice is generated.
- **Invoice Number:** Assign a unique invoice number.
- **Goods Details:** Include a detailed list of the delivered goods, specifying quantities, descriptions, and any additional charges (if applicable).
- **Payment Terms:** Outline the payment terms, including the due date and acceptable payment methods.
- **Acknowledgment Receipt:** Attach a copy of the acknowledgment receipt or proof of delivery to the invoice. This serves as evidence of successful delivery.
- **Any Additional Charges:** Include any surcharges, accessorial fees, or other applicable charges.

7. **Invoice Review:** Carefully review the invoice to ensure accuracy, including all charges, quantities, and payment terms. Verify that all relevant details are included.
8. **Save and Send:** Save the completed invoice in your system, and then send it to the consignor for payment. You can typically do this electronically by sending an email with the invoice attached or by providing a link to a secure online portal for payment.
9. **Confirmation and Tracking:** Keep track of the status of the invoice within your system. Many systems offer features to track whether the invoice has been viewed, paid, or if any issues arise.
10. **Payment Reconciliation:** When payment is received, reconcile the payment with the invoice within your accounting system. Verify that the payment aligns with the invoice details.
11. **Archive Records:** Archive the order, delivery, and invoice records in your system for future reference, audits, or reporting purposes.

By following these steps, you can efficiently close the order, generate an invoice, and initiate the payment process upon the successful delivery of goods and receipt of acknowledgment in land transportation. This ensures that your accounting and record-keeping processes are accurate and transparent.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare Real-Time Tracking Challenge
Materials Required: Simulated transportation management system (TMS)

interface**,** List of simulated goods with changing details, Whiteboard/flip chart
Procedure:

1. Divide students into teams.
2. Provide access to the simulated TMS interface.
3. Simulate changes in
    a) Quantity
    b) Packaging
    c) destination for goods
4. Teams compete to accurately and promptly update the system.
5. Use the whiteboard to keep score and discuss strategies for efficient tracking.

Activity 2: Prepare Vehicle Movement Simulation
Materials Required: Maps or a simulated GPS tracking interface**,** Scenario cards with changing conditions (traffic, road closures, etc.)**,** Whiteboard/flip chart
Procedure:

1. Assign student's roles (dispatcher, driver, consignor, etc.).
2. Provide maps or a simulated GPS tracking interface.
3. Simulate a transportation scenario with changing conditions.
    a) Objectives
    b) Data Collection
    c) Model Development
    d) Scenario Creation
    e) Simulation Execution
    f) Performance Analysis
    g) Optimization Strategies
    h) Scenario Testing
    i) Validation
    j) Reporting
    k) Iterative Improvement
4. Students update the system with real-time information.
5. Discuss challenges faced during the simulation and solutions.

Activity 3: Prepare Invoice Creation Challenge
Materials Required: Simulated invoice creation tool or template**,** Delivery acknowledgment receipts**,** Sample goods delivery scenarios
Procedure:

1. Provide access to the simulated invoice creation tool.
2. Simulate goods deliveries with acknowledgment receipts.
3. Students create invoices with accurate details.
4. Discuss the importance of including all relevant information in the invoice.
5. Review and assess the invoices created by each student.
6. Teacher should display that invoice in display board.

Activity 4: Perform Role-Play on Delivery Confirmation
Materials Required: Role cards (consignor, carrier, system administrator)**,** Simulated transportation system interface**,** Whiteboard/flip chart
Procedure:

1. Assign roles to students for consignor, carrier, and system administrator.

2. Simulate a scenario where goods are delivered and acknowledgment is received.
3. Each student performs their role in confirming delivery and closing the order in the system.
    a) Verification of Goods Receipt
    b) Inspection for Quality and Quantity
    c) Documentation Completion
    d) System Update for Order Closure
    e) Inventory Management Adjustment
    f) Billing and Invoicing Initiation
    g) Customer Communication
    h) Follow-Up with Customer
4. Discuss challenges faced during the role-play and strategies for efficient order closure.
5. At last students should submit to their teacher.

Activity 5: Demonstrate Transportation Documentation Audit
Materials Required: Sample transportation documents**,** Checklist for auditing documentation**,** Whiteboard/flip chart
Procedure:

1. Provide sample transportation documents, including orders, invoices, and delivery receipts.
2. Provide a checklist for auditing documentation (accuracy, timestamp, signatures, etc.).
    a) Document Identification
    b) Completeness
    c) Accuracy
    d) Currency
    e) Compliance
    f) Clarity and Readability
    g) Consistency
    h) Confidentiality
    i) Accessibility
    j) Revision Control
    k) Cross-functional Review
    l) Documentation of Audit Findings
3. Students perform an audit of the provided documents.
4. Discuss the findings and the importance of maintaining accurate records.
5. Emphasize the role of documentation in dispute resolution and regulatory compliance.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. GPS means_____.
2. To monitor the real-time location of dispatched goods, businesses often

use _____ systems.

3. Shippers can provide customers with a unique _____ number for each dispatched order to facilitate tracking.
4. Businesses can utilise GPS (Global Positioning System) technology to provide precise _____ information for dispatched goods.
5. A real-time ETA provides updates based on the _____and speed of the vehicle.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. How can GPS (Global Positioning System) technology contribute to the tracking of dispatched goods?

a) Predicting Weather Patterns

b) Locating Nearby Restaurants

c) Providing Real-Time Location Updates

d) Generating Invoices

2. Why is transparency important when providing customers with updates on goods in transit?

a) To Maintain a Sense of Mystery

b) To Enhance Customer Trust and Satisfaction

c) To Confuse Customers

d) To Discourage Customer Inquiries

3. What is the final step in the order fulfilment process, where the customer receives the products and the transaction concludes?

a) Order Placement

b) Order Confirmation

c) Order Delivery

d) Order Inquiry

4. What step often follows the successful delivery of goods to the customer in the order fulfilment process?

a) Order Cancellation

b) Order Refund

c) Order Return

d) Customer Review

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1. Closing an order only involves the delivery of physical goods and does not include any documentation.
2. Closing an order only involves the physical delivery of goods and does not include any documentation.
3. Closing an order is the initial step in the order fulfilment process.
4. Configuring the transportation system to send automated notifications or alerts when changes are made.
5. Continuous monitor of the system for updates and changes, especially when the goods are in transit is required.

D. Match the Columns

S.No.	Column A	S.No.	Column B
1	Billing Details	A	e-POD
2	Payment Reconciliation	B	Consignor's (shipper's) information.
3	Electronic Proof of Delivery	C	Verifying the payment details alignment with the invoice details.
4	ETA	D	Real-Time Tracking Technology
5	GPS	E	Estimated Time of Arrival

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Explain TMS.
2. Give the contents of Invoice.
3. What do you mean by Real Timing Tracking?
4. What is the benefit of ETA?
5. Give the meaning for Invoice Review.

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the process of updating the system when changes occur in dispatching goods.
2. Explain the steps to update vehicle movement information for ease of tracking.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Write a note on delivery of goods and close the order.
2. Prepare a specimen of invoice with all contents.

MODULE 4	ROUTE PLANNING AND VENDOR COORDINATION

Module Overview

Route planning is a like a roadmap to move from one point to the other point. In land transportation it is called from the point of origin to the point of destination which involves finalising the mode of transportation and the path a vehicle takes to deliver the shipment efficiently in the least possible time. An effective route planning many factors like the traffic conditions, terrain, shortest distance, federal and state laws.

For best opted routes a network and inter modal transport is designed considering location of warehouses, hubs, distribution (geographical) of orders, nature of goods, distance involved along with the contingency plans, also called risk management, considering factors like accidents, calamities/odd weather, road closures, etc.

Route planning helps in reducing operational costs like fuel consumption, maintenance minimising time of delivery. Optimisation of resources including manpower, vehicles, etc. which results in better productivity and reducing idle time. The goal of route planning is also to achieve environmental sustainability by reducing fuel consumption.

The process of route planning also includes coordination activities with other internal departments regarding the route plan for consignment schedule, with transporter, drivers, maintenance departments and supervisors. Proper coordination facilitates the smooth delivery of consignments. It involves the agreement on delivery schedules, condition of the consignment at the time of delivery and proper documentation at all stages.

Use of computers and other equipment has revolutionised route planning. Land transportation associate should have the knowledge of computer and equipment, geographical spread of state and cities, type of goods in transportation and route planning software for better planning of routes overcoming challenges posed by road networks and better customer services.

This MODULE focuses on route planning and vendor coordination. The first session covers the concept of Transporters, Types, Basic Terminologies, and The Federal and State Laws in Land Transportation, the second session includes The Route Planning Essentials and The Collection of data, the third session focuses on Coordination Functions with Stake Holders, and the fourth session involves The Technical Knowledge in Route Planning and Vendor Coordination.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Describe the details of transporter
- Design the route planning through software
- Identify alternate routes for times of emergency
- Demonstrate the route plan, schedule and necessary requirements to all stakeholders
- Arrange for necessary requirements for the trip, consignment pickup and delivery

Module Structure

Session 1: Transporters and Laws in Land Transportation

Session 2: Route Planning and Collection of Data

Session 3: Coordination with Stake Holders

Session 4: Technical Knowledge in Route Planning and Vendor Coordination

Session 1: Transporters and Laws in Land Transportation

A Transporter is an individual or a system that acts as a carrier in the movement of any type of goods.

Transporters come in different shapes and sizes which depends on the size of cargo, the distance from the point of origin and the point of destination and the terrain it will traverse.

Transporters can operate and function through many modes such as air, rail, road, sea or at times combination of these depending on the nature of the goods and the distance to be covered (Fig. 4.1).

Fig. 4.1: Modes of Transportation

It requires a lot of expertise in planning, organising, controlling and executing the transportation of goods from the point of origin to the point of destination in and efficient and timely manner.

TYPES OF TRANSPORTERS

Transporters play a very important role in facilitating trade and commerce. The types of transporters are (Fig.4.2).

Types of Transporter	Sub –Type	Details
Road Transporters	Trucking Companies	These companies use trucks to transport goods over short or long distances on roads. They are flexible and suitable for various types of cargo.
	Courier services	Focuses on smaller packages and parcels, courier services provide door-to-door delivery, often with expedited shipping options.

Rail Transporters	Rail Freight companies	These Transporters specialise in moving large quantities of goods over long distances. This mode is particularly efficient for bulk cargo.

Fig. 4.2: Types of Transporters

Multimodal Transporters	**Integrated Logistics Companies**	These companies offer end-to-end logistics solutions, often combining multiple modes of transportation to optimise efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
Piped Line Transporters	**Pipe Line companies**	For specific types of goods, especially liquids and gases, pipelines are used for transportation. This method is common in industries like oil and gas.
Specialised Transporters	**Temperature controlled Transporters**	These transporters focus on transporting goods that require specific temperature conditions such as perishable items or pharmaceuticals.
	Hazardous material Transporters	These transporters handle the movement of goods that are classified as hazardous and require adherence to strict safety regulations.

TERMINOLOGY IN ROUTE PLANNING:

In land transportation many key terms play an important role in ensuring the smooth and efficient movement of goods/consignment/cargo from one location to the other (Fig.4.3).

S No.	Term	Meaning
1.	**Point of origin**	This refers to the location where the journey or transportation of goods begins. It could be a warehouse, manufacturing facility or any other place where the goods are initially located before being transported.

2.	**Point of destination**	The point of destination is the final location where the goods are intended to arrive or be delivered. It could be another warehouse, a distribution centre, a retail store, or any other designated location.
3.	**Type of goods**	This refers to the nature of the products being transported. Goods can vary widely, including raw materials, finished products, perishable items, hazardous materials, etc. The type of goods being transported can impact the choice of transportation methods and the handling requirements during transit.
4.	**Pick up date and time**	It is the date and the precise time when the consignment will be collected or picked up from the point of origin.
5.	**Delivery date and time**	It is the scheduled date and the precise time when the consignment reaches the point of destination.
6.	**Volume of goods**	It refers to the quantity or amount of goods, products, or commodities being transported or stored. It is a measure of the physical space these items occupy.
7.	**Vehicle Capacity**	It refers to the maximum load or quantity of goods that a vehicle can transport. It is a measure of how much weight or volume a vehicle is designed to carry the load efficiently and safely.
8.	**Vehicle Traffic Constraint**	It refers to limitations or restrictions on the movement of vehicles within a given transportation system. Examples of constraints include road capacity, speed limits, weight restrictions and special regulations for certain types of vehicles.

Fig. 4.3: Terminology used in Land Transportation

FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS IN LAND TRANSPORTATION

Land transportation is controlled, monitored and regulated by a combination of federal (central) and state laws. These laws are (Fig.4.4):

Federal Laws in Land Transportation

S No	Law	Details

1.	Motor vehicles Act,1988	The Motor Vehicles Act is a comprehensive federal legislation that governs almost all aspects of road transport. It covers issues such as vehicle registration, licensing of drivers, rules of the road, and insurance requirements. This Act empowers the central government to formulate national policies and standards related to road transport.
2.	Central motor vehicles Rules,1989	These rules provide detailed guidelines and standards for various aspects mentioned in the Motor Vehicles Act. They cover specifics such as vehicle construction and maintenance standards, licensing procedures, and the use of safety devices.
3.	National Highways Act, 1956	This act deals with the declaration of certain highways as national highways, the control of these highways, and the collection of tolls.

Fig. 4.4: Federal Laws in Transportation

STATE LAWS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION

Federal laws set the standards and rules giving states the authority to enact more stringent regulations (Fig. 4.5).

S No.	Laws	Details
1.	State motor vehicle rules	Each state in India has its own set of rules that complement the Motor Vehicles Act. These rules may include state-specific regulations regarding vehicle taxation, local permits, and enforcement mechanisms.
2.	State Road Transport Corporation act	Many states have their own Road Transport Corporation Acts that govern the functioning of state-owned transport corporations.
3.	State Specific Traffic Regulations	States often have their own traffic regulations that complement the national rules.

4.	General Laws	These are mandatory rules for Driving license, Vehicle registration from Regional Transportation Office (RTO), Insurance of vehicles, Speed limits and Pollution control.

Fig. 4.5: State Laws in Land Transportation

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare a chart on federal and state laws pertaining to transportation and types of transporters.

Material Required: Coloured sheets**,** Coloured pencils, and Sketch pens.

Procedure:

1. Divided the class in two groups.
2. Distribute coloured sheets, Coloured pencils and Sketch pens.
3. Allot one topic to each group.
4. Prepare chart on the topic.
5. Explain the topic to the class.
6. Make notes based on the presentation given by another group.
7. Discuss the learnings within the group.
8. Prepare a report and show it to the teacher.
9. Discuss your report in the class.
10. Conclude the activity by mentioning the learnings from the activity.

Activity 2: Visit a Transporter Office to understand the terminology used in Land Transportation.

Materials Required: Pen, Pencil, Rubber, Notebook, Checklist.

Procedure:

1. Visit the Transporter Office with your peers.
2. Meet the Transporter/supervisor.
3. Collect the details from the Transporter with a consignment on:
    a) Point of origin
    b) Point of destination

c) Type of goods in land transportation

d) Pickup date and time

e) Delivery date and time

f) Volume of good

g) Vehicle capacity

h) Vehicle traffic constraint

i) Transporter details

4. Prepare notes.
5. Show your notes to the supervisor and confirm that they are correct.
6. Prepare a report.
7. Discuss the report in the class.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. A Transporter is an individual or a system that acts as a _____in the movement.
2. _____often combining multiple modes of transportation.
3. The _____ is the final location where the goods are intended to arrive or be delivered.
4. _____is a comprehensive federal legislation that governs almost all aspects of road transport.
5. _____ refer to limitations or restrictions on the movement of vehicles within a given transportation system.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Maximum load or quantity of goods that a vehicle can transport is called

a) Vehicle Traffic Constraint

b) Vehicle Capacity

c) Volume of Good

d) None of these

2. Act which deals with the declaration of certain highways as national highways _____.

a) National Highway Act

b) Motor Vehicles Act

c) National highways Act

d) General laws

3. Which are the type of goods;

a) Finished products

b) Perishable items

c) Hazardous materials

d) All of the above

4. Perishable items are transported in;

a) Temperature controlled Transporters

b) Hazardous material Transporters

c) Integrated Transporters

d) Rail carts

5. The place where the goods are initially located before being transported is known as:

a) Point of origin

b) Point of dispatch

c) Transportation point

d) None of the above

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. The type of goods being transported can impact the choice of transportation method.
2. Pick-up date and time is the scheduled date and the precise time when the consignment reaches the point of destination.
3. Vehicle capacity is a measure of how much weight or volume a vehicle is designed to carry the load efficiently and safely.
4. For specific types of goods, especially liquids and gases, pipelines are used for transportation.
5. Rail Freight companies focuses on smaller packages and parcels.

D. Match the Columns

	Column A		Column B
	Road Transporters		Require adherence to strict safety regulations.
	Vehicle capacity		Combine multiple modes of transportation.
	Integrated Logistics Companies		Maximum load.
	Hazardous material		Focus on smaller packages and parcels.
	Courier services		Trucking companies.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. What is a transporter?
2. How liquids and gases are transported?
3. What is hazardous material?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain in details the types of Transporters.
2. List the terminologies used in Land Transportation.
3. Describe the Federal and state laws in Land Transportation.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Draw charts of Types of Transporters and Federal and state laws.
2. Spell out the Terminologies used in Route Planning.
3. Demonstrate the modes of Transportation in the class with figures.

Session 2: Route Planning and Collection of Data

In Land transportation route planning is the process of determining the most effective, efficient, time saving path with consideration of distance, terrain, fuel efficiency, time constraints so that consignments reach the point of destination safely.

Goods of Route planning is done to (Fig.4.6):

i. Optimise the transportation process.

ii. Minimise all the costs of transportation.

iii. Maximise the efficiency.

iv. Minimise time of transportation.

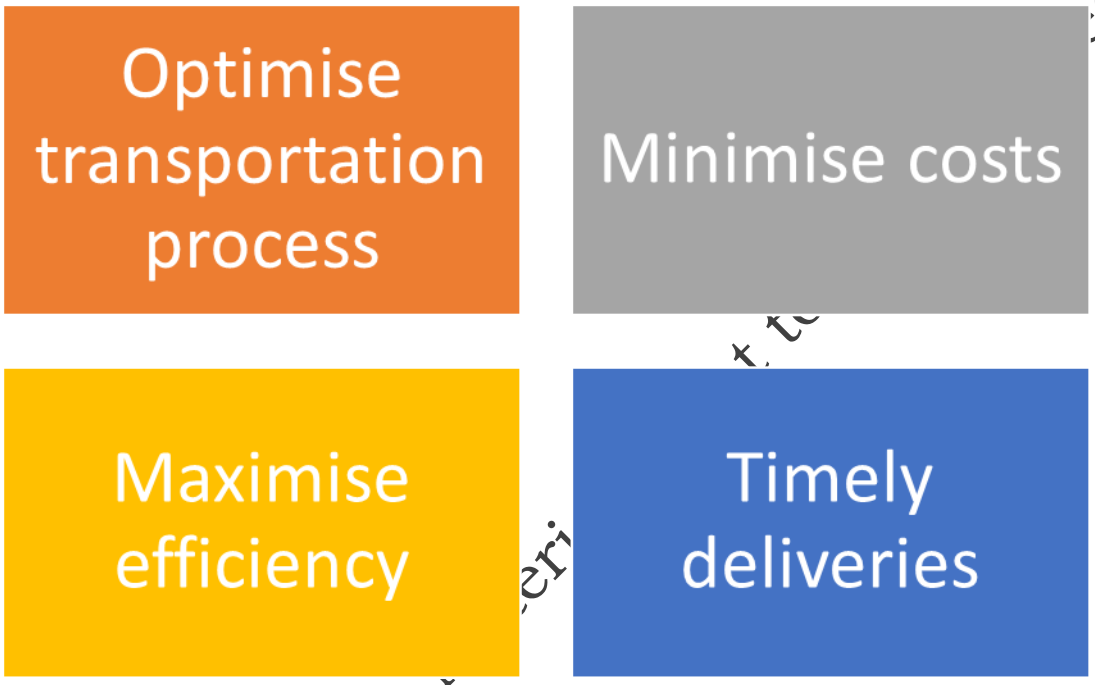

Fig. 4.6: Goals of Route Planning

IMPORTANCE OF ROUTE PLANNING

Effective route planning is vital in achieving efficiency in transportation. Route planning helps in:

1. Reducing operational costs like fuel consumption, maintenance.
2. Minimising time of delivery.
3. Optimisation of resources including manpower, vehicles etc. which results in better productivity and reducing idle time.
4. Environmental sustainability by reducing fuel consumption.
5. Meeting deadlines which results in increased customer trust and satisfaction.
6. Adaptability to conditions like traffic congestion, road closures, inclement

weather, natural calamities.

7. Mitigating risks as areas where potential threat of life/goods are avoided.

8. Ensuring compliance to the legal requirements such as tolls, weight limits and road restrictions.

9. Utilising technology in transportation giving real time treatment to route planning keeping historic traffic data and weather condition in mind.

ESSENTIALS IN ROUTE PLANNING

Route planning involves:

1. **Collection of details**

- Point of origin
- Point of destination
- Type of goods to be transported
- Pickup date and time
- Delivery date and time
- Volume of goods
- Vehicle capacity
- Vehicle traffic constraint
- The details of the Transporter

2. **Pickup/Delivery sequencing and load allocation:**

It involves (Fig.4.7):

i. Collection of orders from customers. It may involve a bulk order from one customer to a single or multiple destination or multiple orders with different timelines and destinations.

ii. Pooling of similar orders for route optimisation and minimising number

of vehicles and maximising space utilisation.

iii. Assigning a time window to each pickup and delivery process so that proper time is followed.

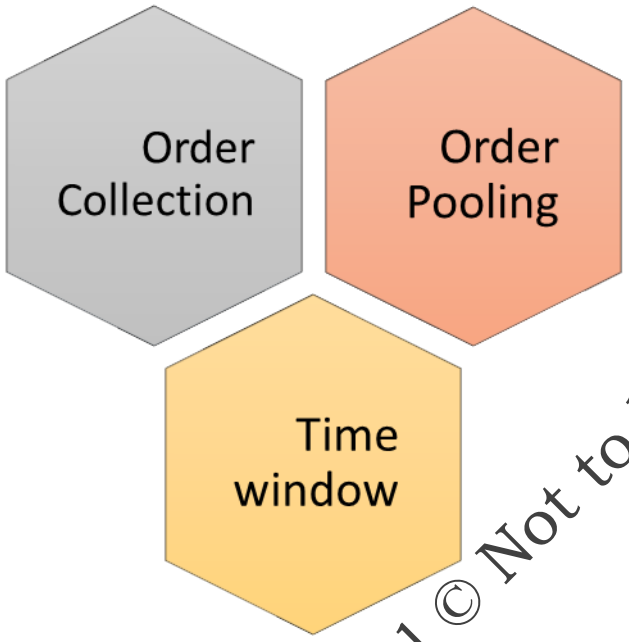

Fig. 4.7: Pick and delivery sequencing

3. **Plan optimised routes:** Routes which are fastest and cost effective are called Optimised routes. These days, route optimisation software are used which the details are fed and they find the optimised route by algorithm and real time update (Fig.4.8).

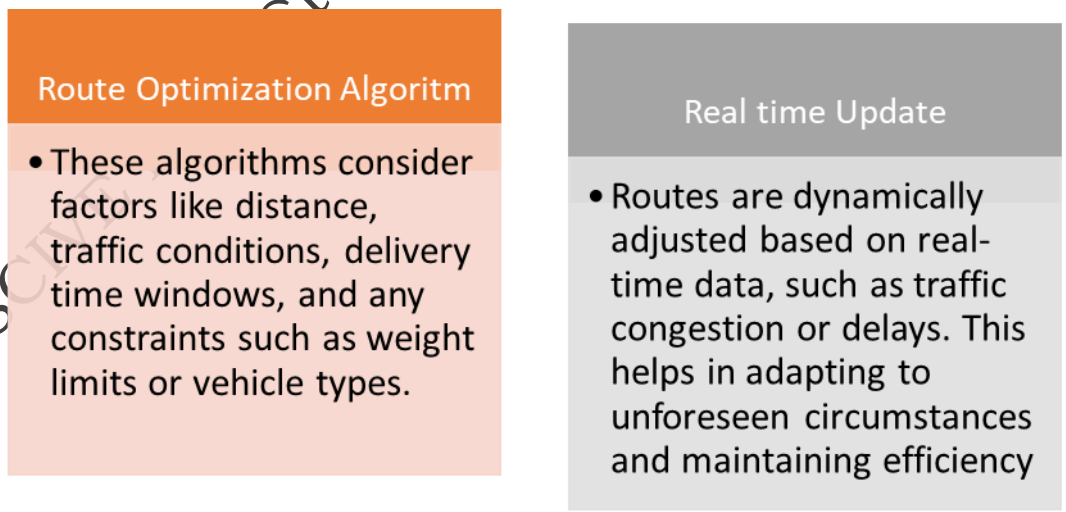

Fig. 4.8: Planning Optimised Routes with Software

4. **Daily Truck Coverage:** In efficient and effective route planning proper coverage of trucks is a must to get maximum coverage in a day. It is done

by Fleet and Shift Planning by considering factors like capacity of trucks, rest period of drivers, maintenance schedules, speed limits, and legal aspects of driving within and out of the state (Fig.4.9).

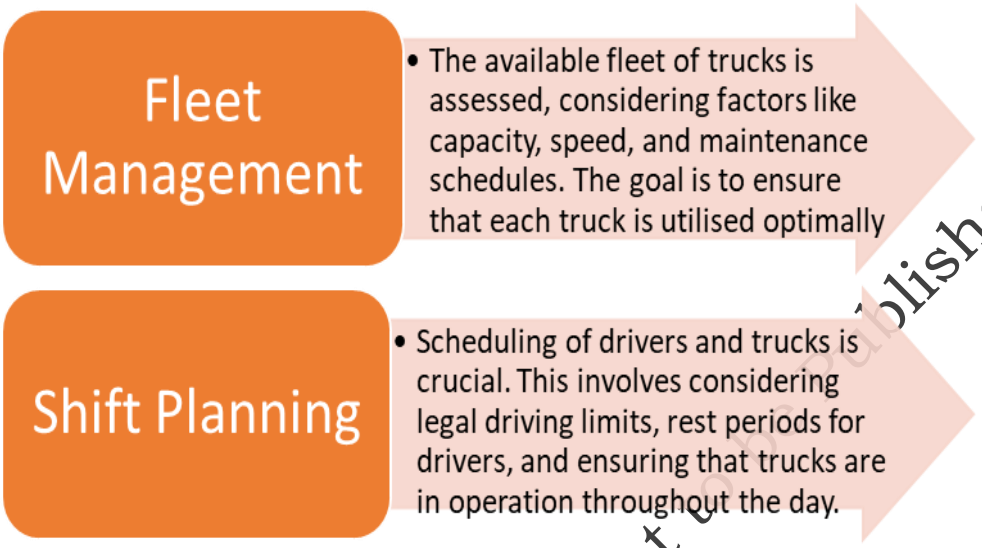

Fig. 4.9: Daily Truck Coverage in Route Planning

ROUTE PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO ROUTES AND NETWORK:

For best opted routes a network and inter modal transport is designed considering location of warehouses, hubs, distribution (geographical) of orders, nature of goods, distance involved along with the contingency plans, also called risk management, considering factors like accidents, calamities/odd weather, road closures, etc (Fig.4.10).

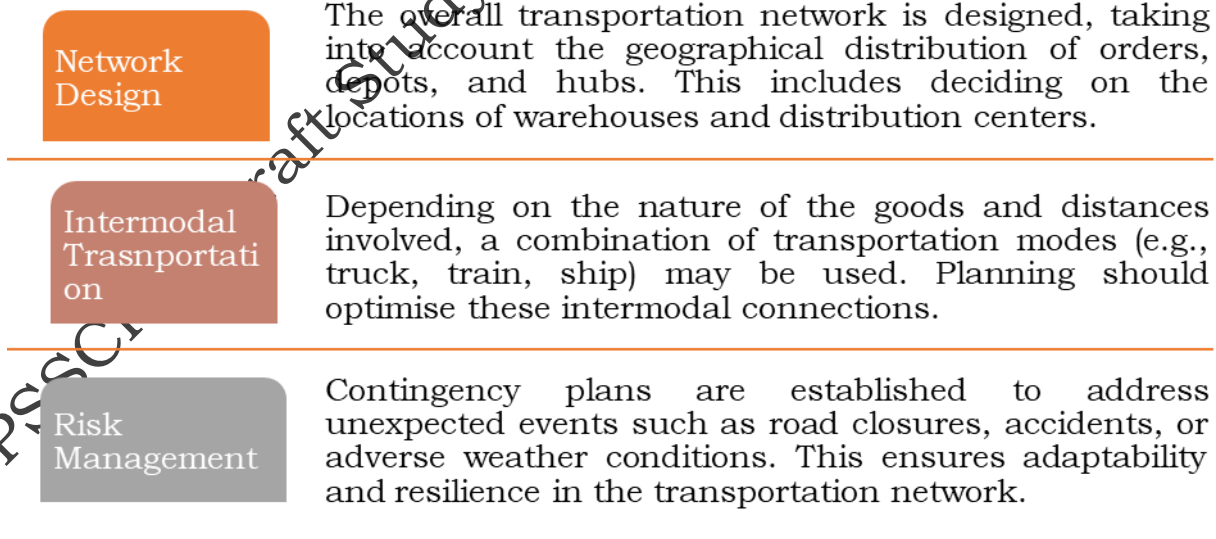

Fig. 4.10: Route Planning with Respect to Routes and Network

CONSIDERATIONS IN ROUTE PLANNING: While planning an optimal route factors like; no. of tolls, rest stops, driver shift change, vehicle relay, and refuelling of vehicle are considered. The meaning and importance of these factors

are (Fig. 4.11):

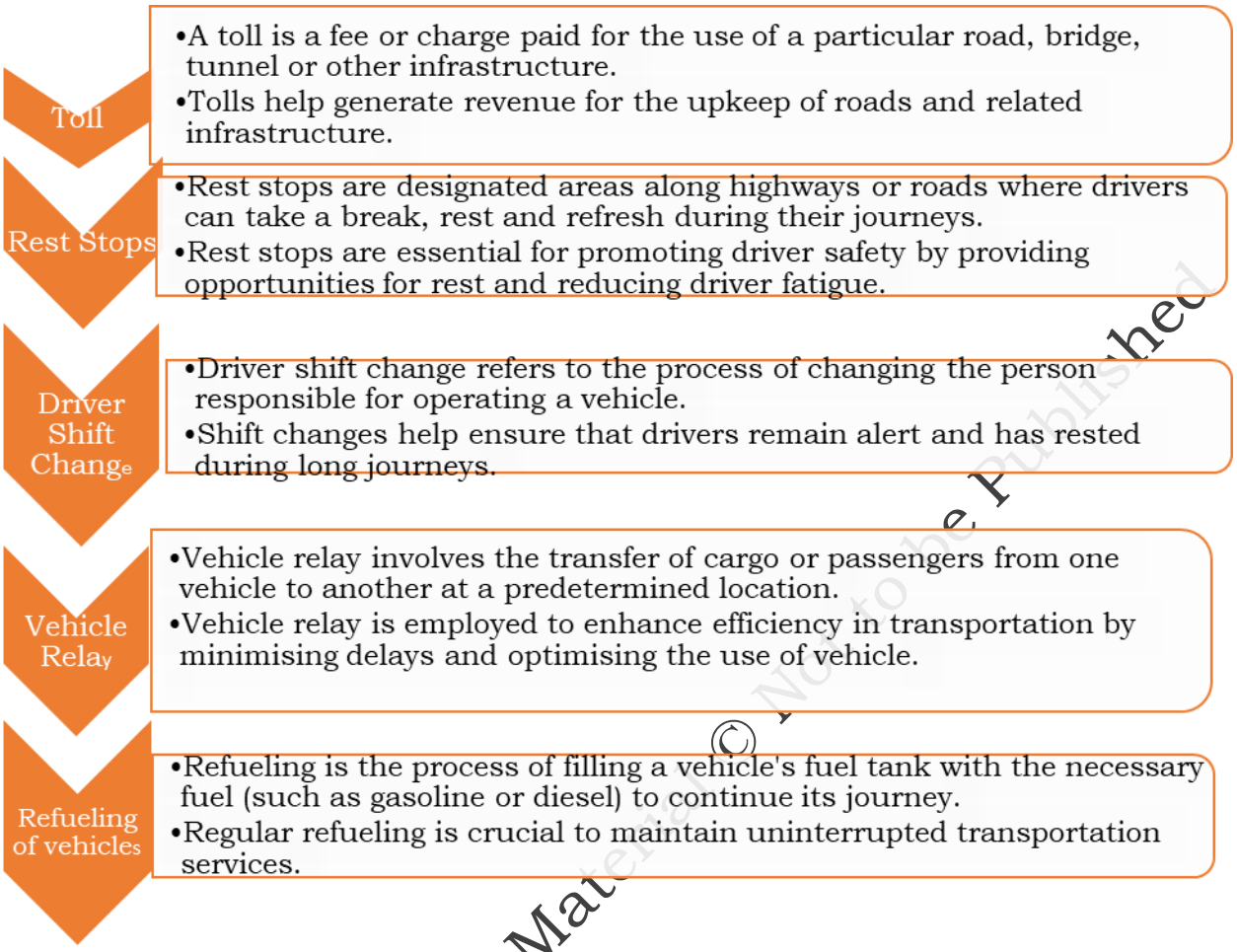

Fig. 4.11: Considerations in Route Planning

TRANSPORT DECISIONS

Decisions of Loading/Unloading and the type of transport highly impact the cost and time of transportation. The type of shipment directly impacts these decisions.

1. **Loading:** It is the process of placing cargo on the transportation vehicle. Major decisions revolve around the characteristics of cargo, the sequencing of goods and the equipment required for loading.
2. **Unloading:** It is the process of take out the cargo. Major decisions include the availability of labour, equipment and infrastructures like ramps or docks.
3. **Transporter and the mode of transportation:** It is selecting a transporter firm having facilities which can support the challenges like distance, time, nature of shipment and the reputation of meeting deadlines.
4. **Types of shipment:** These decisions consider the loading/unloading and mode of transportation as shipment can be (Fig. 4.12)

S No.	Type of shipment	Transport Decisions
1.	Perishable Items	If the shipment contains perishable items, the transportation must be expedited to prevent spoilage. Refrigerated vehicles are required. Cargo sequence is very important as the items have to be arranged based on their expiry dates.
2.	Hazardous Materials	Specialised transporters and compliance with safety regulations are essential for transporting hazardous materials.
3.	Bulk v/s MODULEised Cargo	Bulk shipments may require specific handling equipment, while MODULEised cargo (securely held together) can be managed more easily.

Fig. 4.12: Transport Decisions Based on Type of Shipments

TYPES OF CARGO ARRANGEMENTS

In land transportation, it is very important to arrange the cargo for optimal space utilisation taking care of safety and integrity which are two most important aspects.

Major types of arrangements are:

1. **Bulk Stowage:** It is the loading of large similar items/cargo without any packing. It is a common method for transportation of ore, coal and grains (Fig. 4.13).

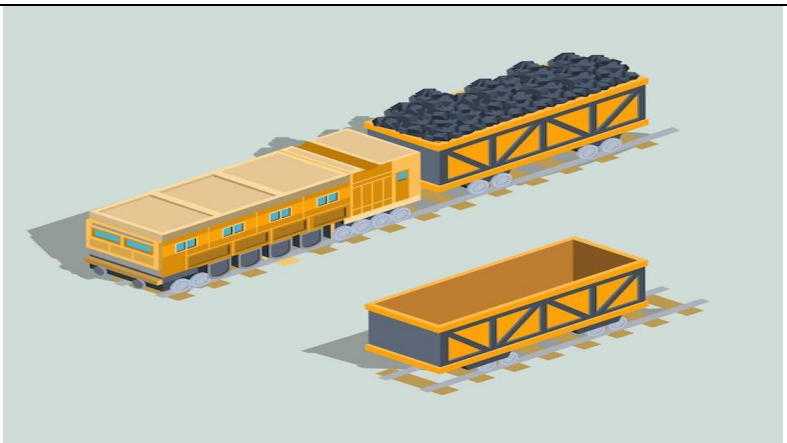

Fig.4.13: Bulk stowage in Transportation

Source: https://shorturl.at/ekmqw

It maximises space by filling the entire cargo eliminating wasted space between packages.

2. **Break bulk Stowage:** It involves diving cargo in bags, crates or boxes (Fig. 4.14).

Fig. 4.14: Break bulk Stowage

Source: https://shorturl.at/djr03

Break-bulk arrangement allows for greater flexibility in handling diverse cargo types and sizes. The goal is to minimise wasted space through careful arrangement.

3. **Containerisation:** It includes the usage of containers which can be transferred easily from one mode of transport to the other (Fig.4.15).

Fig. 4.15: Containerization in transportation

Source: https://shorturl.at/bpCOV

Containers are designed to maximise space efficiency, and their standardised sizes allow for efficient stacking on ships and in storage area.

4. **Roll Off/Roll On (RO-RO):** It is used for wheeled cargo like cars, trucks, etc (Fig. 4.16).

Fig. 4.16: Ro-Ro Arrangement in Cargo

Source: https://shorturl.at/egqzZ

Ro-Ro arrangement optimises space by allowing vehicles to be driven directly onto the transport vessel without the need for additional packaging.

5. **Palletisation:** It involves loading of goods on pallets which then is secured and stacked for transportation (Fig.4.17).

Point of origin.

Point of destination.

Type of goods, pickup date and time.

Delivery date and time.

Volume of goods.

Vehicle capacity.

Vehicle traffic constraint.

Stops.

Contact numbers.

Any other legal requirements.

Charts or Maps or any other visual aid.

Fig. 4.17: Palletisation in Land Transport

COMMUNICATION IN ROUTE PLANNING

To ensure an efficient, transparent and smooth operational process the finalised route plan is communicated to the;

1. **Staff:** through an email, internal memo, software or in a team meeting online/offline with details of-

2. **Customers:** through mails, letter, online/offline meeting with details of-

- The finalised route plan.
- Benefits of the route plan.
- Contact numbers in case of any concern and query.
- Any changes in service.
- Visual aids and tracking information.
- Develop FAQs and informational material that address potential customer questions about the finalised routes.

ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR CONTINGENCY/EMERGENCY

Route planning is done to meet deadlines in a safe, efficient and cost-effective way. There are situations like inclement weather, natural calamities, strikes during transit in which an alternate route has to be ready for safety of cargo and the staff.

Imagine a transporter drives from Point-A to Point-B opting a certain route. Now, let's say there's a big storm, a flood or some other emergency that makes that road unsafe or impassable.

To prepare for such situations transportation route planners have backup plans.

i. Identify the alternate route with the help of;

Route planning software	Utilises algorithms to calculate the most efficient routes.
Telematics system	Provides real-time data on vehicle location, speed, and conditions.
GIS (Geographic Information System)	Used for mapping and optimising routes.

ii. Plan for connecting roads, smaller roads or highways less affected by emergency.

iii. Real time monitoring through devices like weather sensors, traffic cameras.

iv. Communication with the staff, customer, drivers, authorities, emergency services of the state traffic control bodies and the transportation agencies.

Effective route planning and vendor coordination helps in an efficient and cost-effective land transportation system.

Activities

Activity 1: Visit a Transporter Office to understand the data entry and calculations in route optimisation software.

Materials Required: Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Notebook and Checklist.

Procedure:

1. Visit the Transporter Office.
2. Meet the Transporter/supervisor and request for a brief practical understanding of route optimisation software.
3. Observe the method to calculate the:
   a) Pickup and delivery sequence for optimal time.
   b) Allocation of loads.
   c) Vehicle capacity by entering the shipment details in route planning software.
4. Prepare notes.
5. Show your notes to the Transporter and confirm that they are correct.
6. Prepare a report.
7. Discuss the report in the class.

Activity 2: Visit a Transporter Office to understand the route planning process and planning of alternate route plan in case of emergency like inclement weather, natural calamities, etc.

Materials Required: Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Notebook and Checklist.

Procedure:

1. Visit a Transporter Office.
2. Meet the Transporter/supervisor and request for a demonstration on route planning process with example of a consignment schedule between two places.

3. Observe their briefing on route planning and learn how they;

   a) Plan optimised routes or multiple depots.
   b) Daily truck coverage.
   c) Driver and trip assignment.
   d) Identify the various tolls.
   e) Rest stops.
   f) Driver shift change.
   g) Vehicle relay.
   h) Refueling of vehicle, etc.
   i) Ensuring cost efficiency across the whole operation.

4. Learn and understand how they design and identify the alternate route plan in emergency situation to maintain service standards in case of contingency requirements like inclement weather, natural calamities, etc.
5. Prepare notes.
6. Show your notes to the transporter and confirm that they are correct.
7. Prepare a report.
8. Discuss leanings in the class.

Activity 2: Role plays to learn communication with Vendors and Dealers.

Material Required: Note book and Pen/pencils.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class in four groups.
2. Assign the role of Transporter and Land Transportation Associate to the two groups.
3. One group will perform the role of staff.
4. The other group will perform the role of customer.
5. Land Transportation Associate will discuss the route plan from the Transporter taking example of two locations A and B.
6. Communicate the finalized route plan to the
   a. Customer group.
   b. Staff Group.
7. The Teacher observes verbal and non-verbal communication styles of all the participants.
8. Note down observations and discuss learnings in the class.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Maximum _____is achieved by Fleet and Shift Planning.
2. Pooling of _____ orders is done for route optimisation.
3. Routes which are fastest and cost effective are called _____
4. _____ involves the transfer of cargo or passengers from one vehicle to another at a predetermined location.
5. _____ is done to meet deadlines in a safe, efficient and cost-effective way.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Cargo arrangement without any packing is;
   a) Bulk Stowage
   b) Containerisation
   c) RO-RO
   d) Break Bulk Stowage
2. Refrigerated vehicles are required for transportation of;
   a) Hazardous goods
   b) Iron ore
   c) Perishable goods
   d) Bulk cargo
3. Pickup/Delivery sequencing involves;
   a) Collection of orders from customers

b) Pooling of similar orders

c) Assigning a time window

d) All of the above

4. Communication of finalised route plan to the staff is done by;

a) An email

b) Internal memo

c) Team meeting online/offline

d) All of the above

5. GIS stands for;

a) Geographic information system

b) Geo stationary information system

c) Geological Information system

d) Geographic instant system

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1. Effective route planning and vendor coordination helps in an efficient and cost-effective land transportation system.
2. Telematics system provides real-time data on vehicle location, speed, and condition.
3. Containerisation is used for wheeled cargo like cars, trucks, etc.
4. Rest stops are designated areas along highways or roads where drivers can take a break.
5. Break-bulk arrangement doesn't allow flexibility in handling diverse cargo.

D. Match the Columns

	Column A		Column B

1.	Hazardous Materials	**A**	Bulk Stowage
2.	GIS	**B**	Is a fee or charge paid for the use of a particular road?
3.	Loading similar items	**C**	Used for mapping and optimising routes.
4.	A toll	**D**	Process of filling vehicle's fuel tank.
5.	Refuelling	**E**	Compliance with safety regulations.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Why is route planning done?
2. What is included in Pickup/Delivery sequencing?
3. What is shift planning?
4. What is fleet management?
5. What are the considerations in route planning?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the importance of Route Planning.
2. Describe in detail the essentials of route planning.
3. Explain the transport decision with the type of shipment.
4. Describe the types of cargo arrangement.
5. Explain how the communication of finalised route plan to customers and staff is done.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Draw charts of types of cargo arrangements.
2. Spell out the transport decisions in route planning.

3. Demonstrate the considerations of route planning in the class.

Session 3: Coordination with Stake Holders

Transporters, Internal departments, Supervisors, Customers, drivers are the stake holders in the land transportation eco system. Proper coordination between all of them is crucial for an effective system.

COORDINATION WITH INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

In land transportation system for route planning coordinating with internal departments involves;

i. Effective communication.

ii. Collaboration.

iii. Integration of various stakeholders.

Coordination with internal department involves (Fig. 4.18):

1. Understanding the detailed and precise requirements of a particular consignment.
2. Identifying the departments and personnel involved in the transportation of the consignment.
3. Maintaining clear communication between internal departments through circulars, e-mails, online/offline meetings or any other common platform.
4. Use of technology like Transport Management System has made coordination activities easier and information sharing more transparent.
5. Collaboration with the teams for better route planning.
6. Forming a system of regular feedback from the internal departments for timely inputs.
7. Communicating the contingency or emergency plan to all the internal departments in case of any mishap or deviation in the original route plan.
8. Proper documentation is required for clear understanding, future planning and analysis.

9. Review meetings are organised in timely intervals to check and discuss the status of consignment.

10. For coordination with internal departments proper trainings are organised for better understanding of route planning.

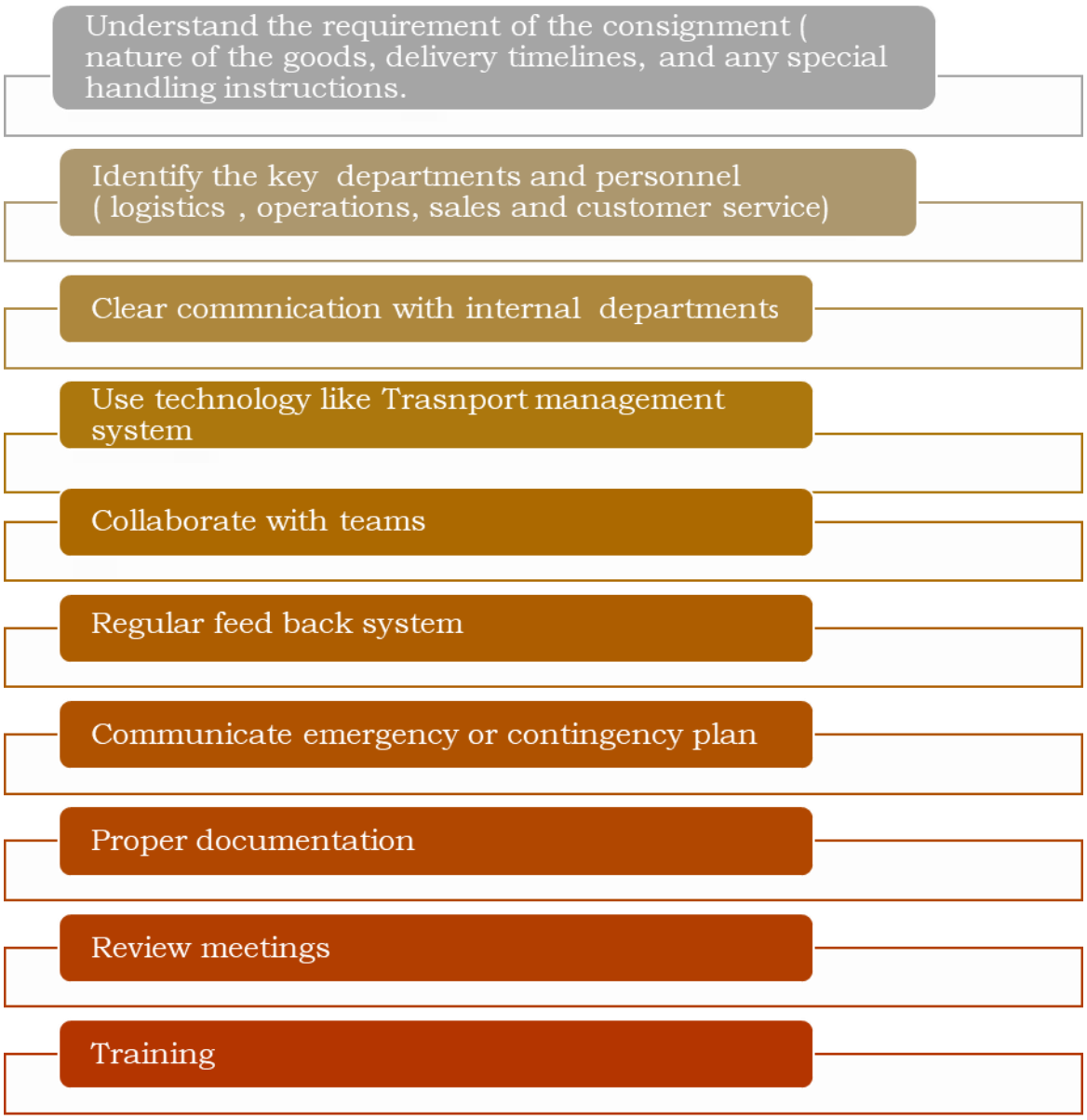

Fig.4.18: Key features of Coordination with internal departments

COORDINATION FOR CONSIGNMENT PICK/DELIVERY AND NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS

Special arrangements and coordination with transporters and drivers is required for consignment pickup and delivery.

1. Book the transporter and document all the details of the consignment like

(Fig. 4.19):

Details of Consignment While Pick-Up
Type of Goods
Quantity (No of pieces)
Weight
Destination (Delivery address)
Product type
Booking mode
Dimensions of the consignment
Contact numbers
Customer reference number
Permit details, if any
Handling instructions

Fig. 4.19: Details of Consignment While Pick-up

2. Coordinate with the transporter with a waybill or consignment note. Confirm the scheduled time/date of pick-up.

3. Receive confirmation note with the all the details of vehicle assigned and the allotted driver.

4. Check for proper packaging and labelling of the consignment with relevant handling instructions.

5. Get loading done securely with maximum space utilisation of the vehicle.

6. Track the consignment with the real time location and coordinate with the transporter in case of any deviation from the planned route.

7. At the time of delivery verify the consignment with the waybill. Check the condition of the consignment and note down the date and time of delivery.

8. Provide feedback to the transporter.

COORDINATION FOR VEHICLE CONDITION

In land transportation system the associates ensure the vehicle is in good condition for safe and secured delivery of the consignment (Fig. 4.20).

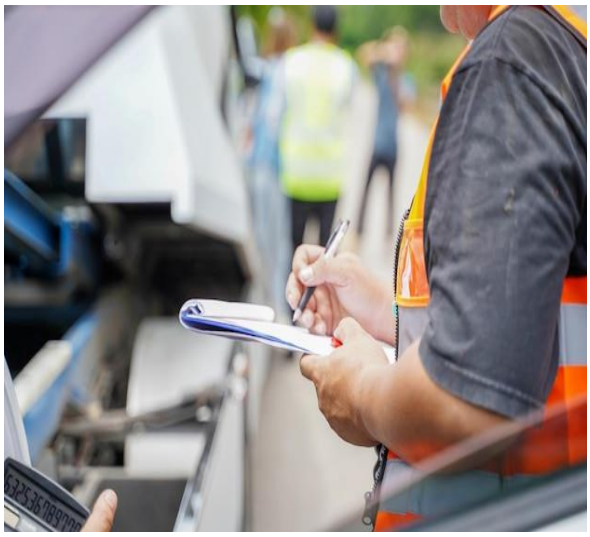

Fig. 4.20: Vehicle Inspection

It is done by visual inspection, checking fluid levels, lights and signals, brakes and also the documentation. Proper coordination is required between key stake holders in transportation. After proper check a fitness certificate of the vehicle used (Fig. 4.21).

Visual inspection	• Check for any visible damages, leaks, or unusual noises. Ensure that the tires are properly inflated and in good condition.
Check fluid levels	• Check the fluid levels, including oil, coolant, brake fluid and windshield washer fluid.
Lights and signals	• Test all lights and signals, including headlights, turn signals, brake lights and hazard lights.
Brakes	• Ensure that the vehicle comes to a smooth and controlled stop.
Documentation check	• Check all the required documents like registration, insurance and any required permits. This helps avoid legal issues during transportation.

Fig. 4.21: Checking the Vehicle Condition

If the vehicle does not seem fit, then immediately coordination with the maintenance department is required by (Fig. 4.22)

Coordination with the Maintenance Department
Provide clear description of the issues.
Fill the maintenance request form, vehicle no. and type.
Follow up and coordinate with the maintenance department about the scheduled te/time and status of the repair.

Fig.4.22: Coordination with the Maintenance Department

COORDINATION WITH TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

Drivers and cleaners are the back bone of land transportation system. In route planning the adequate number of drivers and cleaners with necessary skills, expertise and experience are required.

Coordination with the transport supervisor is done by;

1. Discussion of the Transportation schedule which includes;
    i. Specific routes.
    ii. Estimated time for the delivery.
    iii. Nature of consignment.
    iv. The permits and legal requirements.
2. Identify the number of driver and cleaners which depends on;
    i. Type of vehicle needed.
    ii. Complexity of the route.
    iii. Specific skill required.
    iv. Documentation work.

3. Discuss clearly;

   i. Finalised planned route.

   ii. The number of drivers and cleaners.

   iii. Training needs.

   iv. Alternate routes in case of emergency.

   v. Date and time of point of origin and destination.

   vi. Legal compliance.

4. Follow up which helps in;

   i. Real time adjustments.

   ii. Problem solving.

   iii. Handling any unforeseen event.

These steps ensure the timely and proper execution of the planned schedule.

Activities

Activity 1: Field Visit to a Transporter Office to understand making necessary arrangements for consignment pickup/delivery.

Materials Required: Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Notebook and Checklist.

Procedure:

1. Visit any office dealing with land transportation.
2. Meet the land transportation associate or in charge of logistics.
3. Observe their briefing and learn how they;
   a. Make necessary arrangements for consignment pickup/delivery with the assigned vehicle driver or transporter.
   b. Coordinate with transportation supervisor for required drivers and cleaner's allocation for the planned schedule.
4. Learn the coordination activities and the skills and preparations required for coordination.

5. Prepare notes.
6. Show your notes to the teachers.
7. Present the learnings in the class.
8. Discuss leanings in the class.

Activity 2: Role plays to demonstrate how coordination with internal departments regarding the route plan for consignment schedule is done.

Material required: Notebook and Pen/pencils.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class in four groups.
2. Assign the role of department heads to two groups.
3. One group will perform the role of land transportation associate and other group as the officers in charge.
4. Coordinate with the groups.
5. Teacher must observe the content and the verbal and non-verbal communication styles of all the participants.
   a. Direct verbal, confident non-verbal.
   b. Expressive verbal, engaging non-verbal.
   c. Formal verbal, neutral non-verbal.
   d. Assertive verbal, strong non-verbal.
   e. Collaborative verbal, rapport-building non-verbal.
   f. Analytical verbal, reserved non-verbal.
   g. Enthusiastic verbal, animated non-verbal.
   h. Diplomatic verbal, composed non-verbal.
   i. Concise verbal, professional non-verbal.
   j. Empathetic verbal, supportive non-verbal.
6. Note down observations and discuss learnings in the class.

Activity 3: Discussion on checking condition of vehicles.

Materials Required: Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Notebook and Checklist.

Procedure:

1. Collect the pictures of vehicles in the transport business in all the conditions.
2. Discuss the parameters to check the vehicle.

3. Discuss each picture.
4. Observe the inspection of vehicle.
5. Discuss if any damage is there, then contact the maintenance departments and report to the supervisor.
6. Discuss the importance of follow-up for the repair.
    a) Prepare notes.
    b) Show your notes to the teacher.
    c) Present the learnings in the class.
    d) Discuss leanings in the class.
7. Write down the important point in their notebook.
8. Teacher should conclude the discussion.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Proper _____between all of the stakeholders is crucial for an effective system.
2. Maintaining clear _____ between internal departments are required.
3. Coordinate with the transporter with a _____or consignment note.
4. Get loading done securely with maximum _____ utilisation of the vehicle.
5. Check all the required documents like registration, insurance and any required_____

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. In land transportation system for route planning coordinating with internal

departments involves;

a) Effective communication

b) Collaboration

c) Integration of various stakeholders

d) All of the above

2. Checking vehicle condition involves checking;

a) Brakes

b) Lights and signals

c) Fluid levels

d) All of the above

3. The number of driver and cleaners depends on;

a) Type of vehicle needed

b) Complexity of the route

c) Weather conditions

d) Specific skill required

4. Follow up helps in;

a) Real time adjustments

b) Problem solving

c) Handling any unforeseen event

d) All of the above

5. Checking fluid level doesn't include;

a) Checking the oil

b) Lights

c) Coolant

d) Brake fluid

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. In land transportation system the associates ensure the vehicle is in good condition for safe and secured delivery of the consignment.
2. Check for proper packaging and labelling of the consignment is not required.
3. Tracking is never done with the real time location.
4. If the vehicle does not seem fit, then immediately coordination with the maintenance department.
5. Drivers and cleaners are the back bone of land transportation system.

D. Match the Columns

	Column A		**Column B**
1.	Number of driver and cleaner	**A**	Registration/Insurance.
2.	Documentation check	**B**	Estimated time for the delivery.
3.	Transportation schedule	**C**	Check for any visible damages.
4.	Visual Inspection	**D**	Status of consignment.
5.	Review meetings	**E**	Complexity of the route.

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Who are stake holders in route planning?
2. What are the details of consignment while pick-up?

3. What do you understand by vehicle inspection?

4. Why documentation check is required?

5. What is included in coordination with maintenance department?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain in detail the coordination with Transportation Supervisor.

2. Explain why inspection of vehicle is required? Discuss the steps in vehicle inspection.

3. Explain the way coordination is done while consignment pick-up and the necessary arrangements.

4. Elaborate the need and process of coordination with internal departments.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Spell out the importance of coordination of different stakeholders.

2. Demonstrate the process of checking vehicle condition and coordination with maintenance department

Session 4: Technical Knowledge in Route Planning and Vendor Coordination

Land Transportation associate should have knowledge of computer and equipment, geographical spread of state and cities, type of goods in transportation and route planning software for better planning of routes overcoming challenges posed by road networks and better customer services.

Use of Computer and Equipment in Route Planning

Computer and equipment are used in route planning because (Fig. 4.23):

1. It is not easy to plan the route manually as road networks are vast and complex.
2. Computers can find the optimal route and analyse large data considering traffic conditions, real time factors, and road closures in the transit.
3. Computer and equipment reduce the cost of fuel and other operational expenses by minimising travel time.

4. Computers work on real time data and alter the route in case of any challenge like new construction, accidents or any other unforeseen event.
5. Computerised route planning can gel with other systems like ware house management and inventory management system connecting all the aspects of transportation and logistics.
6. Geographic Information System (GIS) helps in mapping and decision based on the location.
7. Communication equipment like mobiles devices radios help in route planning giving an accurate connectivity with the carrier.
8. Global Positioning System (GPS) is widely used to locate the vehicle anywhere, any time.

Fig. 4.23: Use of Computer in Land Transportation System

SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT USED IN ROUTE MAPPING ARE

Following are the system and Equipment used in route mapping (Fig. 4.24):

S No	System /Equipment	Use
1.	GPS Navigation System	Signals from satellites guide the drivers.

2.	Route Planning Software	Picks the most efficient and fastest route. It helps to save time and fuel.
3.	Scanners	It can read QR codes or barcodes on the packages. They help in tracking what's being transported and the destination.
4.	Traffic Monitoring Systems	They watch for any traffic jam or accidents.
5.	Telematics Devices	They watch vehicle speed, location, handling of vehicle by driver.
6.	Communication Devices	Drivers can ask for help or share any information.
7.	Weather Forecasting Tools	Crucial for route planning as it tells in advance about snow, heat or rain.
8.	Load Optimisation Software	It is used in arranging the cargo.
9.	Fuel Management System	It is used to achieve fuel efficiency.

Fig.4.24: Equipment and Systems Used on Route Planning and Management

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF STATE AND CITIES

It plays very important role in route planning in the land Transportation system.

For effective planning it is essential to have knowledge of the geographical spread of state and cities. It includes knowledge of;

Distance and connectivity between state and cities: It helps in finalising the route which saves the time.

Road connectivity and infrastructure: Route planners consider constructions, road condition's maintenance and traffic conditions to finalise most optimal route.

Regulatory Compliances: To avoid any legal hassles, route planners often consider the regulatory compliances as each state has different rules for weight restrictions, speed limits and other traffic laws.

Traffic Patterns: Route planners consider peak hours of traffic and to avoid congestion the alternate routes to reach on time. Suggests alternate route

International considerations: Knowledge of international borders help route planners plan according to freights, customs and the other regulatory frameworks.

TYPE OF GOODS IN LAND TRANSPORTATION

Knowledge of type of goods is essential to plan for the route and design an efficient transportation system. Based on their characteristics mode of transportation is decided (Fig. 4.25):

S No.	Type of goods	Details	Transportation
1.	Bulk Goods (Grains, coal, ores, and liquids such as oil and chemicals)	These are large quantities of homogeneous goods that are mostly unpacked or packed loosely.	Transported in specialized bulk carriers like tanker trucks or hopper railcars.
2.	Containerised goods (Electronics, textiles, machinery, and various consumer goods)	These are packed in standardized containers which facilitate the easy transfer and handling between different modes of transportation.	Transported in containers via trains, trucks or container ships.
3.	General Cargo (Retail products, manufacturing components, packaged foods)	These are the mixed shipments of various goods mostly crates, boxes or pallets.	Transported by variety of modes which include trains, trucks, and smaller cargo ships.
4.	Perishable goods (Fresh produce, Pharmaceuticals, dairy products)	They have limited shelf life and require quick transportation.	Transported in refrigerated trucks or railcars.
5.	Hazardous Goods (Chemicals, radioactive substances, flammable materials)	Goods that pose a risk to safety health or the environment during transportation.	Transported in specialized carriers mostly with safety measures such as specialized packaging and placards.
6.	Automobiles and vehicles (Trucks, Cars and	These are finished vehicles or automotive components being	Transported using car carriers or specialized

	their parts)	transported from manufacturers to dealerships or assembly plants.	railcars.
7.	Livestock (Cattle, Poultry and pigs)	These are animals transported for several purpose.	Transported through livestock trailers and railcars.

Fig.4.25: Type of Goods in Land Transportation

Each of these types require different mode of transport and handling procedure.

ROUTE OPTIMISATON SOFTWARE

In land transportation system route optimisation software plays a vital role as it (Fig. 4.26)

i. Enhances efficiency.

ii. Reduce costs.

iii. Improve operations.

Fig. 4.26: Advantages of Route Planning Software

In route planning it utilises the data analysis and algorithms to determine the most cost effective and optimal route for vehicles considering;

i. Traffic conditions.

ii. Delivery schedules.

iii. Vehicle capacity.

iv. Fuel efficiency.

v. Live traffic updates.

vi. Weather conditions.

vii. Road closures.

viii. Current position of vehicle.

ix. Pick up point.

x. Delivery destination.

xi. Vehicle capacity.

xii. Weight restrictions.

xiii. Time for deliveries.

xiv. Fuel consumption.

xv. Tolls.

xvi. Maintenance.

xvii. Traffic laws.

xviii. Environmental regulations.

Best part of route optimisation software is that it is user friendly and can be integrated with other land transportation systems.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare a chart showing Geographical spread of state and cities.

Material Required: Coloured sheets and Coloured pencils/Sketch pens.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class in four groups.
2. Distribute Coloured sheets, Coloured pencils/Sketch pens.
3. Allot one topic to each group.
4. Prepare chart on the topic.
5. Explain the topic to the class.
6. Make notes based on the presentation given by other group.

7. Discuss the learnings within the group.
8. Prepare a report and discuss with friends and show it to the teacher.
9. Discuss your report in the class.
10. Conclude the activity by mentioning the learnings from the activity.

Activity 2: Model making and Demonstration use of computer and equipment in route planning.

Materials Required: Pen, Pencil and Eraser.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class in four groups.
2. Prepare a model of land transportation system.
3. Create props of computer and equipment used in route planning.
4. Demonstrate in the class the use of computer and all the equipment along with route planning software.
5. Discuss each prop.
6. Ask relevant questions.
7. Prepare notes.
8. Discuss leanings in the class.

Check Your Progress

B. Fill in the Blanks

1. It is not easy to plan the route _____as road networks are vast and complex.
2. _____can find the optimal route and analyse large data.
3. _____signals from satellites guide the drivers.
4. For effective planning it is essential to have knowledge of the

_____spread of state and cities.

5. To avoid any legal hassles, route planners often consider the _____.

C. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Drivers can ask for help or share any information through;
   a) Weather forecasting tools
   b) Communication devices
   c) Load optimisation software
   d) Traffic monitoring systems
2. Which of these signals from satellites to guide the drivers;
   a) GPS navigation systems
   b) Scanners
   c) Telematics Devices
   d) GTS
3. For optimal route planners consider;
   a) Constructions
   b) Road conditions
   c) Maintenance and traffic conditions
   d) All of the above
4. Electronic items are;
   a) General cargo
   b) Bulk goods
   c) Containerised goods

d) Perishable goods

5. The best way to transport a livestock is through;

   a) Trailers and rail cars

   b) Placards

   c) Cargo ships

   d) Trucks

D. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. General cargo are the mixed shipments of various goods mostly crates, boxes or pallets.
2. Perishable goods have limited shelf life.
3. Route planners never consider peak hours of traffic to avoid congestion the alternate routes to reach on time.
4. Load Optimisation software is used in arranging the cargo.
5. Weather forecasting tools are not important in route planning.

E. Match the Columns

	Column A		**Column B**
1.	Traffic Monitoring Systems	**A**	It can read QR codes or barcodes on the packages. They help in tracking what's being transported and the destination.
2.	Scanners	**B**	They watch for any traffic jam or accidents.
3.	Route Planning	**C**	Signals from satellites guide the drivers.

	Software		
4.	GPS Navigation System	**D**	They watch vehicle speed, location, and handling of vehicle by driver.
5.	Telematics Devices	**E**	Picks the most efficient and fastest route. It helps to save time and fuel.

F. Short Answer Questions

1. Why land transportation associate should have technical knowledge in route planning?
2. How geographical spread of state and cities help in route planning?
3. What is the type of goods in land transportation?
4. What is route optimisation software?

G. Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the use of computer and equipment in route planning.

2. Describe the systems and equipment used in route planning.

3. Describe the type of goods used in land transportation with examples and the transportation method adopted.

4. Explain the advantages of route optimization software.

5. Explain in detail the coverage of geographical spread of state and cities.

H. Check Your Performance

1. Collect pictures of type of goods and discuss the transportation method for each of them.
2. Arrange quiz on the system and equipment used in route planning and mapping.
3. Demonstrate the class geographical spread of state and cities, benefits of using computer and route optimization software.

MODULE 5 GATE OPERATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION

Module Overview

Gate operations plays a vital role in road transportation operation, it is the chicken neck of warehouse operations. It includes entry & exit operations of the vehicles, and loading & unloading operations. Being land transporter, our duty is to deliver the goods of the consignor (sender) to consignee (receiver) of the goods. In this regard it is very important to receive the goods properly and send them for delivery with utmost care. Receiving of the goods from the sender and sending them to the receiver both involves the gate operations.

Gate operations in transportation encompass a series of activities aimed at efficiently managing the movement of vehicles and cargo in and out of designated entry points. At these gates, vehicles undergo various processes to ensure compliance with regulations, enhance security, and facilitate smooth logistics operations. Initially, vehicles seeking entry undergo scrutiny, including verification of vehicle registration, driver identification, and security screening measures. Upon clearance, gate passes or permits are issued, and relevant documentation is recorded to maintain a comprehensive record of vehicle movements. Traffic management is integral to gate operations, involving the organization of vehicle queues, traffic control, and prioritization of entry for specific vehicles or shipments. Documentation plays a crucial role, with paperwork verification and electronic documentation systems streamlining administrative processes. Security measures such as surveillance, access control, and alarm systems are implemented to safeguard against unauthorized entry and enhance overall safety. Effective communication among stakeholders ensures coordination, facilitates emergency responses, and facilitates information sharing for operational efficiency. Compliance enforcement mechanisms uphold adherence to transportation regulations, while technology integration, including automation and mobile applications, enhances gate operations' efficiency. Environmental considerations, such as emission control and waste management, are increasingly integrated into gate operations to promote sustainability. Continuous improvement efforts focus on performance monitoring, feedback mechanisms, and process optimization to enhance gate operations' effectiveness and adaptability to evolving transportation needs.

This MODULE focuses on various gate operations involved in land transportation. The first session is about basics of gate operations, the second session involves warehouse operation, third session envisages the transport of hazardous goods, and fourth session focuses on customs clearance procedure.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Prepare schedule for loading and unloading of goods
- Inspect vehicle details and driver details for compliance to regulatory and consignment requirements
- Apply necessary precautions for hazardous goods transportation
- Describe the customs verification process and legal clearance
- Communicate entry pass and exit pass through ERP/TMS and record plan details in ERP/TMS

Module Structure

Session 1: Basics of Gate Operations

Session 2: Warehouse Operations

Session 3: Transportation of Hazardous Good

Session 4: Customs Duty and Clearance

Session 1: Basics of Gate Operations

Gate operations involves two activities:

1. Entry of goods into the warehouse.
2. Exit of goods from the warehouse.

Entry of goods includes unloading of the goods from the vehicle into the warehouse, whereas exit of goods consists of loading of goods into the trucks for the purpose of delivery to its destination.

Enterprise Resource Planning/Transport Management System (ERP/ TMS)

Now in these days, the vehicle entry and exit operation of the warehouse are computerised, automated and real-time based. Previously, the Gate Entry Management System used to be on manual basis, the security personnel at the gate made the entries of vehicles' inward and outward timings and also the particulars of the drivers of the vehicles in a register manually. But now everything is computerised, with very sophisticated technologies and integrated software available for this purpose.

The term ERP stands for Enterprise Resource Planning and TMS stands for Transport Management Systems (Fig. 5.1). TMS is a dedicated System for Logistic Movement used by the transport firm. Whereas, ERP is an overall Enterprise

Resources Planning Software.

This software is used to record the entry of all the goods received, track goods received, record the entry of goods shipped, track the goods in shipment, etc. to have complete control and coordination. At the time of entry as well as exit of goods, the details are updated in ERP/TMS for further tracking.

Fig. 5.1: Transport Management System

BENEFITS OF ERP/TMS

1. **Enhanced Security:** Every vehicle either entering in or going out of the premises gets recorded. All the particulars such as the purpose of entry/exit, the details of the driver, time of entry/exit, etc. with all the relevant documental proofs. The information provided is also used for further processing and follow-up.

2. **Effective & Accurate Processing of data:** As it is a computer software, it processes the data more effectively and accurately.

3. **Time Saving:** Very few entries in the system will generate gate entry/exit pass and it almost eliminates the delay and vehicle line-ups at the gate.

4. **Accurate Reporting:** As the data is stored in centralised server customised reports can be generated and since manual intervention is minimised the reports are also very accurate.

5. **Easy Tracking:** Most of the current TMS are cloud and mobile based applications and capable to track everything from anywhere.

6. **Improved Customer Service:** All the TMS are capable of providing real-time updates to customers.

ISSUE OF GATE ENTRY/EXIT PASS

It is very important to collect and check the vehicle and its driver at the time of entry and exit of vehicle. Vehicle may enter to unload the goods from the vehicle in to the warehouse or it may come for the purpose taking the load of the goods

which are already there in warehouse.

At the movement vehicle comes to the gate, the following particulars and documents are required to be collected for preparing entry and exit pass.

1. Driver details such as name, age, gender is collected by going through with any ID proof such as identity card issued by the company, driving licence, Aadhar card, etc. (Fig. 5.2).

Fig. 5.2: Issue of Gate Entry/Exit Pass

2. Vehicle details such as type, size, weight carrying capacity top/back/side loading capability of the truck will be used to allocate platform bay, the equipment used for loading/unloading are also made available.

3. **Vehicle registration number:** Vehicle number fixed on both front and back of the vehicle (Fig.5.3). Vehicle number can also be found in vehicle registration card. In India vehicle number consists of three parts (Fig.5.4).

   - First two alphabets represent the state in which vehicle is registered.
   - Second part consists of two-digit number which denotes the district code of the state.
   - Last part consists of six alpha numeric combinations, which is the unique code for the vehicle.

Fig. 5.3: Vehicles

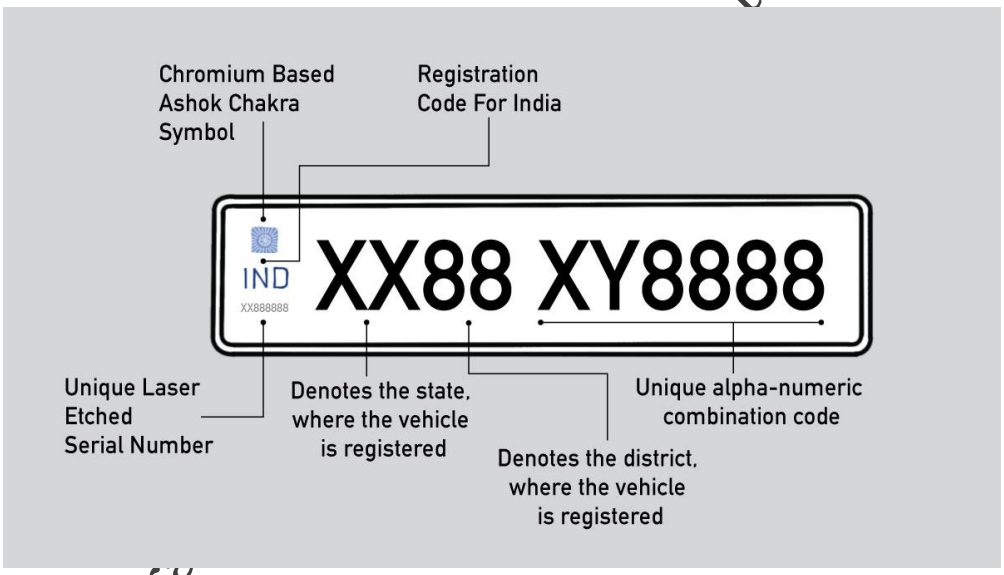

Fig. 5.4: Vehicle Registration Number

- **Container number:** Container number is generally fixed at the back of container on top right corner of the right door (Fig.5.5).

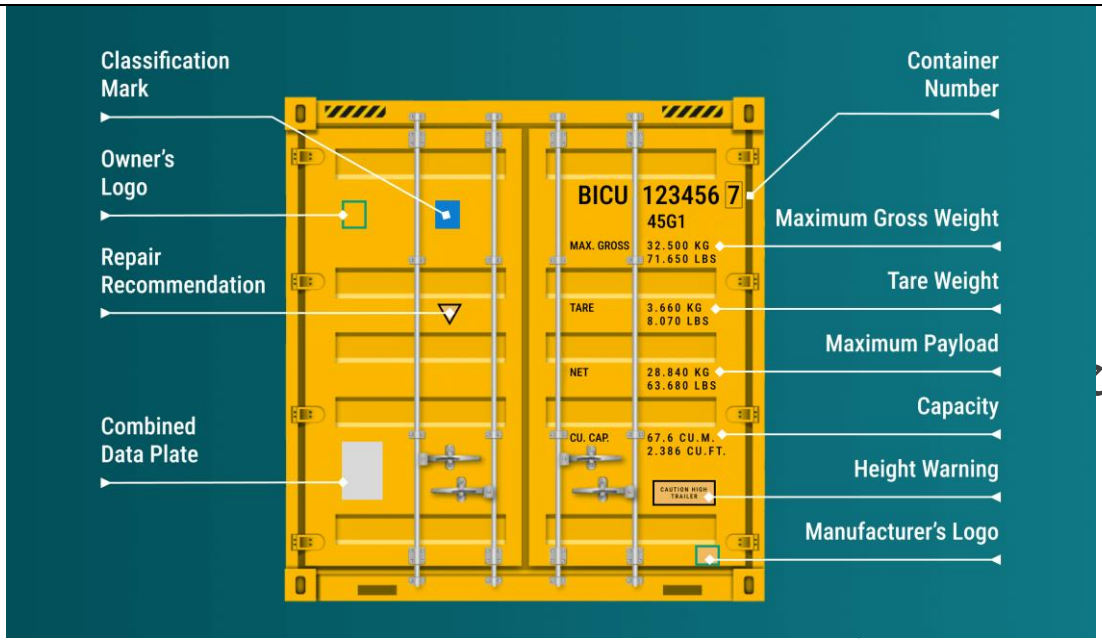

Fig 5.5: Container Number

- **Container PIN:** Every container is locked with a PIN at the time of entry and exit, it is important to ensure whether the container PIN is properly fixed or not. In some situations, container seal also contains a serial number and it is required to be noted (Fig. 5.6).

Fig. 5.6: Container PIN

- **Delivery Order:** It is a document used at the time of delivery of goods. It is an order of the owner of the goods to the carrier or warehouse in charge to deliver the goods to a particular person or his/her representative. It is typically used at the time of sales (Fig. 5.7).

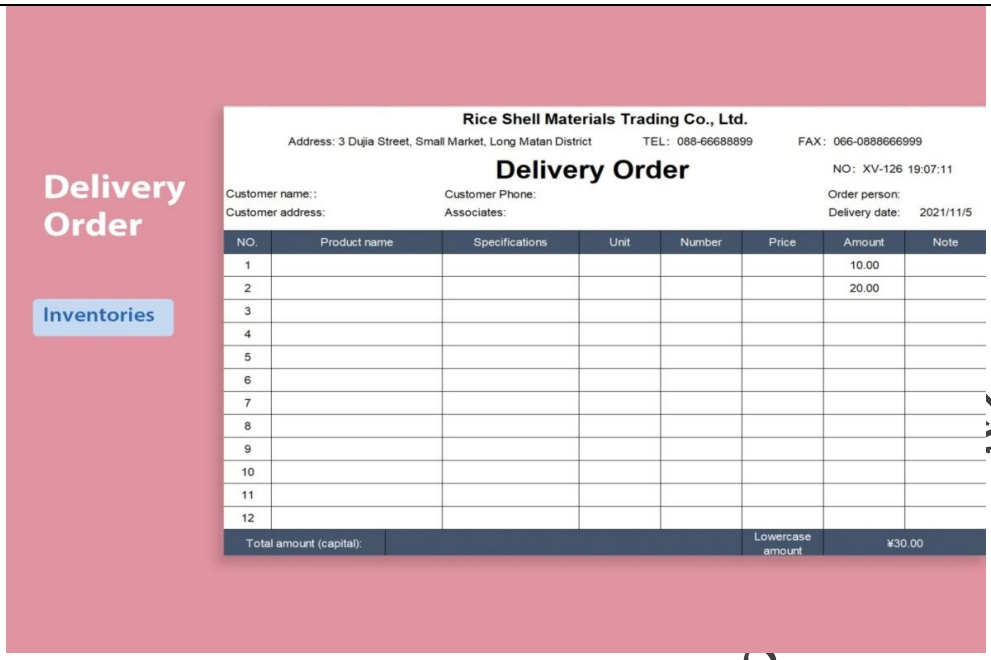

Fig. 5.7: Delivery Order

- **Delivery Challan:** It contains the details of the goods in a particular shipment. It is generally used to transfer the goods from one office to another office of the same firm. It may or may not result in sales. It is for transport of goods from head office to branch office, one branch office to another branch office, or one warehouse to another warehouse.

USE OF ERP/TMS TO GENERATE ENTRY OR EXIT PASS

After collecting required information and other documents, the security personnel will guide the driver or his/her associate to the security room for issue of entry/exit pass. The designated person will enter the required particulars collected in the ERP/TMS and generate entry/exit pass. In some cases, it is further forwarded to higher authority for authentication and after that entry/exit pass is generated.

ERP/TMS SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN INDIA

1. SAP ERP
2. Oracle ERP Cloud
3. Microsoft Dynamics 365
4. Infor Cloud Suite
5. Ramco ERP

6. Tally. ERP 9
7. Zoho ERP
8. Epicor ERP
9. NetSuite ERP
10. Sage ERP X3

Activities

Activity 1: Perform Simulation of Gate Entry/Exit Process

Materials Required: Simulation area or classroom space, Props or visual aids representing vehicles, drivers, and documents, Whiteboard or flip chart for discussion

Procedure:

1. Set up a simulated gate entry/exit process within the classroom or school premises.
2. Assign roles such as security personnel, drivers, and ERP/TMS operators to students.
3. Use props or role-play scenarios to mimic the entry of goods into the warehouse and the exit of goods for delivery.

a) Entry Process:

- Goods Receipt
- Inspection
- Unloading
- Documentation

b) Exit Process for Delivery:

- Order Processing
- Order Picking

- Packing
- Loading
- Dispatch
- Documentation

4. Students should collect and document driver details, vehicle information, and necessary documents.
5. Utilize a simplified ERP/ TMS (could be a mock-up or a simplified software) to record and generate entry/exit passes.

Activity 2: Data Processing Exercise

Materials Required: Fictional data related to gate entry/ exit transactions**,** Paper and pens

Procedure:

1. Provide students with a set of fictional data related to gate entry/exit transactions.
2. Instruct them to manually process this data, just like the manual system before the introduction of ERP/ TMS.
3. Then, have them input the same data into an ERP/ TMS software and observe the differences in

a) Accuracy

b) Speed

c) Ease of processing

4. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of manual vs. automated data processing.
5. Reflect on the impact of ERP/ TMS on data accuracy and processing efficiency.

Activity 3: ERP/ TMS Software Exploration and Comparison

Materials Required: List of ERP/ TMS software products available in India Devices with internet access for research

Procedure:

1. Divide the class into small groups and assign each group one ERP/TMS software from the list provided.
2. Instruct students to explore the features and functionalities of the assigned software.
3. Ask them to create a presentation or a poster highlighting key aspects such as
   a) security features
   b) data processing capabilities
   c) user interface
4. Encourage students to discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks of each software.
5. Conclude with a class discussion comparing the different ERP/TMS software options and their suitability for specific scenarios.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. The term ERP stands for _____.
2. At the time of entry as well as exit of goods the details are to be updated in _____ for further tracking.
3. Vehicle number is fixed on both _____ and _____ of the vehicle.
4. _____ is an order of the owner of the goods to the carrier to deliver the goods to a particular person or his/her representative.
5. _____ generally used to transfer the goods from one office to another office of the same firm.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Now in these days, the vehicle entry and exit operation of the warehouse

are _____

a) Computerised

b) Automated

c) Real-time based

d) All of these

2. The Benefits of ERP/TMS are_____

a) Enhanced Security.

b) Time Saving

c) Accurate Reporting

d) All of the above

3. In vehicle registration number, first two alphabets represent the _____

a) District

b) State

c) Purpose of use

d) India

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1. ERP software processes the data more effectively and accurately.
2. Container seal also contains a serial number and it is required to be noted.
3. Delivery order is a document used at the time of delivery of goods.
4. Delivery Challan may or may not result in sales.
5. Container number is generally fixed at the back of container on top right corner of the left door.

D. Match the Columns

S.No	Column A	S.No	Column B
1	Entry of goods	A	Right side Door
2	Delivery Order	B	Loading
3	Exit of goods	C	Order of the owner of the goods
4	Container Number	D	Unloading
5	Vehicle Registration Number	E	Front side

E. Short Answer Questions

1. What is vehicle registration number?
2. What driver details are required?
3. What is Delivery Order?

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Discuss the process of generating the gate entry pass.
2. Describe the procedure of generating the gate exit pass.

G. Check your Performance

1. Draw a chart showing process of generating the gate entry pass.
2. Enlist the major gate operations

Session 2: Warehouse Operations

Once entry pass is issued and vehicle is allowed by the gate security, the warehouse in-charge gets updated on it so that he/she makes all the necessary arrangements for loading/unloading of goods (Fig.5.8).

Fig. 5.8: Gate operations at warehouse

Plan for Loading or Unloading

In gate operations at warehouse, first unloading happens then loading. Loading and Unloading both are two different activities, where unloading refers to offloading the goods in to the warehouse area which are booked for the purpose of delivery. The loading is keeping the goods in to the trucks for the purpose of sending them to its destination. In every warehouse there are almost two wings one looks after loading and another looks after unloading (Fig.5.9).

Fig. 5.9: Loading or Unloading

The immediate delivery goods should be unloaded in an area where it is easily and immediately loaded in to the trucks and other goods should be kept in an order based on nature of goods, weight of the goods, time available for delivery, etc. Light weight goods should be kept up where as high weight goods should be kept down. Speed delivery goods should be kept in temporary bay area for loading into vehicles whereas the late delivery goods should be kept in warehouse.

The loading of goods into the trucks from the warehouse and other carriage vehicles is also based on delivery type, location of delivery, nature of goods, weight of goods, etc. The same day delivery goods and immediate delivery goods are given priority in loading or unloading. The high weight goods should be kept in lower line and light weight goods in upper line. The goods which are delivered later in a route should be kept first and the goods delivered first in the route should be kept last.

If more than one vehicle is there for loading, the priority should be based on the distance it travels, long route vehicle should be loaded first and shorter next.

Proper plan for the use of available equipment and labour for loading and unloading is also very much required. Both workers and machinery should be available at loading and unloading location as and when they are required. A detailed time schedule may be prepared for every important equipment indicating the time slots for different areas of the warehouse.

GOODS DISPATCH PROCESS

1. **Order Processing:** The process begins with receiving and processing customer orders. This involves checking product availability, prioritizing orders, and organizing them for dispatch.
2. **Warehouse Organization:** Warehouse staff uses a warehouse management system (WMS) to organize orders efficiently. This includes grouping orders based on delivery routes, vehicle types, and customer priorities.
3. **Goods Picking:** Warehouse personnel pick the items listed in the orders from their designated locations within the warehouse. This is essentially collecting the products that customers have purchased.
4. **Sorting and Packaging:** Picked items are sorted based on their destination and packaged securely. Proper labelling and documentation are crucial during this stage to avoid errors during transit.
5. **Loading:** The sorted and packaged goods are moved to the loading area. Here, the items are loaded onto trucks or delivery vehicles. In some cases, conveyor systems may be used to streamline this process.
6. **Documentation:** All necessary documentation, such as invoices, packing lists, and permits, is prepared and handed over to the drivers or carriers.

Proper documentation ensures smooth transit and compliance with regulations.

7. **Technology Integration:** Technology like barcoding or RFID may be integrated for real-time tracking. This helps monitor the goods in transit, providing accurate updates to customers and optimizing delivery routes.
8. **Dispatch Confirmation:** Once goods are loaded and all documentation is in order, the dispatch process is confirmed in the system. This triggers notifications to customers, providing them with expected delivery times and tracking information.

STRATEGIES FOR OPTIMISING THE GOODS DISPATCH PROCESS

Following are the strategies for optimising the goods dispatch process:

1. **Use of Effective Warehouse System:** A good warehouse system is basically a software that organises the orders by delivery route, vehicle type to be loaded, the priorities of the customers, etc. Various parameters can be configured in the software according to the requirement of the warehouse dispatch process.

2. **Standard Labelling and Documentation:** labelling on packages and preparation of documents should be in such a manner that matches with the carrier's operations. The documentation rules should be simple and standard to compatible with major transport agencies.

3. **Use of technology in dispatch process:** The new technical equipment can be used to in dispatch activities such as conveyors in the loading area, smart labelling for easy identification of goods, etc.

FREIGHT FORWARDING COMPANY

Freight forwarding company is an agent who undertakes the activities of shipping cargo by air or sea. He/she is responsible for the movement of goods through booking space in the vessel/flight, and coordinates with insurance provider for the goods in transit, prepares necessary documents on behalf of the customers and monitors the cargo in real-time. The freight forwarding minimises delivery complications as they are specialised in air (freight) and water (sea) transport operations.

The list of some important freight forwarding companies is given below (Fig. 5.10).

1. Stock area

2. Om freight forwarders
3. Ocean sky logistics
4. Maersk India
5. APT Logistics
6. Seal Freight
7. Addax Logistics
8. SVP Logistics
9. Airborne International
10. Global Air Cargo

Fig. 5.10: Logo's of Freight Forwarding Company

Activities

Activity 1: Perform Unloading and Loading Simulation

Materials Required: Simulated warehouse area (classroom space with designated zones) Visual aids representing goods, trucks, and equipment Whiteboard or flip chart for discussion

Procedure:

1. Set up a simulated warehouse area in the classroom with designated zones for unloading and loading.
2. Use visual aids such as cardboard boxes, toy trucks, and equipment representations.
3. Assign roles to students for warehouse in-charge, truck drivers, and workers responsible for unloading and loading.
4. Simulate the entry of goods by providing students with "entry passes" for specific goods and assigning delivery priorities.
5. Students should follow a plan for unloading goods in the appropriate area based on delivery priorities, nature of goods, and weight considerations.
6. Discuss and evaluate the unloading process, emphasizing the importance of organization and efficiency.
7. Simulate the loading process, considering delivery type, location, and weight of goods.
8. Discuss the strategies for optimizing loading, such as prioritizing same-day deliveries and efficient use of available equipment.
9. Conclude with a discussion on the challenges faced and improvements for future simulations.

Activity 2: Prepare presentation on Dispatch Process Optimization

Materials Required: Whiteboard or flip chart**,** Markers**,** Access to a computer or tablet for researching warehouse management software

Procedure:

1. Discuss the strategies mentioned for optimizing the goods dispatch

process.

2. Divide the class into small groups and assign each group a specific strategy (effective warehouse system, standard labelling/ documentation, use of technology).

3. Instruct each group to create a presentation on how their assigned strategy can contribute to optimizing the dispatch process.

4. Encourage students to research and identify examples of warehouse management software that align with the discussed strategies.

5. Presentations should include benefits, challenges, and potential implementation steps for each strategy.

6. Conclude with a class discussion on the overall impact of these strategies on the efficiency of the goods dispatch process.

Activity 3: Freight Forwarding Company Exploration

Materials Required: Access to the internet for research paper and pens for note-taking

Procedure:

1. Introduce the concept of freight forwarding companies and their role in shipping cargo by air or sea.

2. Provide a list of important freight forwarding companies.

3. Assign each student or group a specific freight forwarding company to research.

4. Students should explore the services offered, the process of cargo movement, and the technology used by the assigned company.

5. Instruct students to create a brief presentation summarizing their findings, including any unique features or innovations.

6. Conduct a class discussion comparing and contrasting the different freight forwarding companies.

7. Discuss the importance of freight forwarding in international trade and logistics.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. In gate operations, the entry of goods involves _____ of the goods from the vehicle into the warehouse.
2. ERP stands for _____, while TMS stands for _____.
3. Loading and unloading are two different activities in the warehouse, and unloading happens _____ loading.
4. Freight forwarding companies specialize in the movement of goods through booking space in _____ or _____.
5. An effective warehouse system organizes orders based on delivery _____, _____ type to be loaded, and customer priorities.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does ERP stand for?

   a) Electronic Resource Planning

   b) Enterprise Resource Planning

   c) Efficient Resource Processing

   d) Environmental Resource Planning

2. In gate operations, what is the primary purpose of the Entry/Exit Management System?

   a) Manual tracking of vehicles

   b) Automated and real-time tracking of vehicles

   c) Recording only outward timings

   d) None of the above

3. What is the immediate delivery goods unloading area primarily used for?

a) Temporary storage

b) Loading goods into vehicles

c) Storing high-weight goods

d) Keeping goods in a warehouse

4. Which document is typically used at the time of sales during the delivery of goods?

a) Container PIN

b) Delivery Order

c) Vehicle registration card

d) Freight forwarding document

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. ERP/TMS systems are used for recording only the exit of goods from the warehouse.
2. Unloading of goods in the warehouse occurs after loading.
3. The immediate delivery goods should be kept in a temporary bay area for loading into vehicles.
4. Freight forwarding companies are responsible for the movement of goods through land transport.
5. Standard labelling and documentation in the dispatch process should be complex to ensure security.

D. Match the Columns

S.No	Column A	S.No	Column B
1	Enhanced Security	**A**	Use of technology in dispatch process
2	Time Saving	**B**	Oracle Fusion Cloud ERP

3	Container PIN	**C**	TMS
4	Freight Forwarding	**D**	Logistics and coordination
5	Effective Warehouse System	**E**	Stock area

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Explain the difference between ERP and TMS.
2. Why is it essential to collect driver details and documents at the time of entry and exit of a vehicle in gate operations?
3. Describe the process of unloading goods in a warehouse and the factors considered for prioritizing the unloading process.

F. Long Answer Questions

1. What are the strategies for optimizing the goods dispatch process, as mentioned in the provided text?
2. Briefly explain the role of freight forwarding companies in the logistics and shipping industry.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Enlist of some important freight forwarding companies.
2. Enlist some strategies for optimising the goods dispatch process.

Session 3: Transportation of Hazardous Good

Hazardous goods are also termed as dangerous goods. Hazardous goods are the materials and other substances capable of risk to the environment, property, health and safety of human beings and other living organisms. Sometimes these hazardous goods may also cause damage to the other goods and materials surrounding them. These risks may be minimised by means of proper packaging, storage, handling, etc. Some of the important hazardous goods are listed below (Fig.5.11):

1. Inflammable substances: petrol, diesel, kerosene, Gases, etc.
2. Corrosive materials: these materials can destroy other materials they come

into contact with, like bromine, sodium hydroxide, sulphuric acid, etc.

3. Radioactive elements and waste: A radioactive element contain the atoms which nuclei are unstable and as part of attaining stability they give off radiation. (Uranium, Neptunium, etc.)

4. Toxic material: lead, mercury, nickel, etc.

5. Infectious agents: viruses, bacteria, fungi, etc. (medical waste)

6. Explosives: like RDX, Dynamite, etc.

Fig. 5.11: Dangerous Goods

TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS GOODS

The unprecedented growth of use of hazardous chemicals and other substances

in industries and other sectors has resulted in rapid increase in the movement of these hazardous substances from one place to other. The transportation of these goods is crucial aspect because if something happens in transit it may lead to fire, explosion, environment pollution, injuries, loss of life and property, etc.

Precautions for transporting of hazardous goods

1. It is very essential to adhere to certain guidelines and proper precautions for transport of hazardous goods. Specific packaging, proper handling, trained personnel, and active responsive systems are very much needed for transport of hazardous goods.

2. In India, The Bureau of Indian Standards has recently published new guidelines called IS 18149:2023. These guidelines include norms for classification of hazardous goods, labelling and marking, handling procedures, documentation formalities, training to the personnel involved in transportation, etc.

3. This IS 18149:2023 provides guidelines for all the stakeholders of the hazardous goods transportation like transport agencies, contractors, operations, consignors, consignees and drivers. The provisions and guidelines of Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 must also be adhered in this regard.

4. According to Central Motor Vehicle Rule; 130 the class label of hazardous goods should be displayed on the vehicle. The size of the class label should be not less 25 mm square and should be positioned such that the size of the label is at an angle of 45 degrees to the vertical. The classification of hazardous goods and its corresponding class label are given below (Fig.5.12)

Classification of goods	Class Label	
(1)	(2)	(3)

1.	Explosives	
2.	Gases, compressed, liquefied, dissolved under pressure or deeply refrigerated	.
2.1.	Non-flammable gases	
2.2.	Inflammable gases	

2.3.	Poison (toxic) gases	
3.	Inflammable Liquids	
4.	Inflammable solids, substances liable to spontaneous combustion; substances which on contact with water, emit inflammable gases	.
4.1.	Inflammable Solids	

4.2.	Substances liable to spontaneous combustion	
4.3.	Substances which in contact with water, emit inflammable gases	
5.	Oxidising substances and organic peroxides	.
5.1.	oxidising substances	

5.2.	Organic peroxides	
6.	poisonous (toxic) substances and infectious substances.	.
6.1.	Poisonous (toxic) substances	
6.2.	Harmful substances	

6.3.	Infectious substances	
7.	Radioactive substances	
8.	Corrosives	

Fig. 5.12: Classification of Hazardous goods and its corresponding class label

5. It is important to verify and satisfy that the information provided by the consignor is full and accurate.

6. Ensure that, the goods carriage should have a valid registration and permit and the carriage is safe for the transportation of specific hazardous goods.

7. It is essential that the vehicle should be equipped with necessary safety

equipment, tool box, first-aid kit, and other required material in case of an accident.

8. The driver and other personnel drafted for the duty must be trained in transport and handling of specific hazardous goods.

9. The transporter is required to ensure that the driver should hold a valid driving licence and passed a course in connection with the transport of hazardous goods.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS GOODS

1. Dangerous Goods Declaration (DGT).

2. Dangerous Goods Carrying Certificate.

3. Safe Packaging Certificate.

4. Vehicle Fitness Certificate to carry dangerous/hazardous goods.

5. Route Clearance approval papers.

6. Special course complete certificate of the driver.

7. Permit for transport hazardous goods.

Activities

Activity 1: Prepare chart on Hazardous Goods with its Classification

Materials Required: List of common hazardous goods**,** Class labels (Explosives, Gases, Inflammable Liquids, etc.)

Procedure:

1. Discuss the classification of hazardous goods as per the Central Motor Vehicle Rules.

2. Provide examples of substances falling under each class.

3. Ask students to categorize given materials into the appropriate hazardous goods classes.

   a) Explosives

b) Gases

c) Flammable Liquids

d) Flammable Solids

4. Discuss the correct classification and reasoning behind it.
5. Prepare chart on the basis of discussion.
6. Submit that chart to your teacher.
7. Teacher should display that chart in display board.

Activity 2: Perform role-play on Emergency Response Planning

Materials Required: Emergency response guidelines**,** Information on emergency equipment

Procedure:

1. Present a hypothetical scenario involving a hazardous goods spill or accident.
2. Ask students to develop an emergency response plan, including:

   a) Evacuation procedures

   b) Use of emergency equipment

   c) Communication protocols

3. Discuss and evaluate the proposed plans as a class.
4. Perform role-play in class.
5. Students should submit their script to their teacher.
6. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 3: Prepare Vehicle Inspection Checklist

Materials Required: Sample vehicle inspection checklist

Procedure:

1. Introduce students to the importance of vehicle safety for transporting

hazardous goods.

2. Provide a sample vehicle inspection checklist.
3. Ask students to create their own checklist, including specific items related to transporting hazardous materials.
4. Discuss and compare the created checklists.
5. Students should submit their checklist to their teacher.
6. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 4: Perform Documentation Exercise

Materials Required: List of required documents for transporting hazardous goods**,** Document templates

Procedure:

1. Introduce the various documents needed for transporting hazardous goods (Dangerous Goods Declaration, Safe Packaging Certificate, etc.).
2. Provide templates for these documents.
3. Ask students to fill out these documents for a hypothetical hazardous goods shipment.
4. Review the completed documents for accuracy and completeness.
5. Student should perform role-play in class.
6. Students should submit their script to their teacher.
7. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 5: Perform role play on Route Planning and Clearance Approval

Materials Required: Map of a region with potential hazardous goods routes

Route clearance approval guidelines

Procedure:

1. Discuss the significance of route planning for transporting hazardous goods.

2. Provide guidelines for obtaining route clearance approval.
3. Assign students the task of planning a safe route for transporting hazardous materials on the provided map.
4. Discuss the routes chosen by students and the rationale behind their decisions.
5. Student should perform role-play in class.
6. Students should submit their script to their teacher.
7. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Hazardous goods are also termed as _____ goods.
2. Hazardous goods are the materials and other substances capable of _____ to the environment.
3. A radioactive element contains the atoms which nuclei are _____ and as part of attaining _____ they give off radiation.
4. In India, the Bureau of Indian Standards has recently published new guidelines called _____.
5. The driver and other personnel drafted for the duty must be _____ in transport and handling of specific hazardous goods.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Hazardous goods are capable of risk to the _____.

   a) Environment

   b) Health

   c) Property

d) All of the above

2. One of the Corrosive Material is _____

   a) Bromine

   b) Uranium

   c) Petrol

   d) None of the above

3. Radioactive elements include _____

   a) Uranium

   b) Neptunium

   c) Both A and B

   d) None of the above

4. The driver involved in transport of Hazardous goods should able to read and write at least _____ Indian language.

   a) Three

   b) Two

   c) One

   d) Five

5. Vehicle should be equipped with necessary safety equipment like _____.

   a) Tool box

   b) First-aid kit

   c) Other required material

d) All of the above

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. It is very essential to adhere to certain guidelines and proper precautions for transport of hazardous goods.
2. According to Central Motor Vehicle Rule, 130 the class label of hazardous goods should be displayed on the vehicle.
3. Infectious agents are like viruses, bacteria, fungi, etc.
4. The transport of hazardous goods may not lead to fire, explosion, environment pollution, injuries, loss of life and property, etc.
5. It is not important to verify and satisfy with the information provided by the consignor is full and accurate.

D. Match the Columns

S.No	Column A	S.No	Column B
1	Inflammable substance	A	Central Motor Vehicle Rule 130
2	IS 18149:2023	B	Petrol
3	Explosives	C	Mercury
4	Toxic material	D	The Bureau of Indian Standard's new guidelines.
5	Display of Label of hazardous goods	E	RDX

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Define hazardous goods.
2. What is transportation of hazardous goods.

F. Long Answer Questions

1. What procedure is required for displaying the label on the vehicle used to transport the hazardous goods?

2. Explain the precautions for transport of hazardous goods.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Identify the components of the hazardous goods.
2. Demonstrate the types of class and its label of hazardous goods.

Session 4: Customs Duty and Clearance

Customs duty is a tax levied by the Government at time movement of goods across the international borders. In a simple way, it is tax imposed at the time export and import of goods. The main intention of imposing customs duty is to safeguard domestic industries and to have control over the movement of the goods across the borders. In India, Customs Duty (Fig.5.13) is imposed on all the goods that are imported to India from other countries and on very few goods that are exported to other counties from India. 'Import Tariffs' and 'Export Duty' are the terms used to express the customs duty on imports and exports respectively.

Fig. 5.13: Customs Duty

The main components of Customs Duty are listed below (Fig.5.14):

1. Basic Customs Duty (BCD): It is 0% to 100% depending up its origin.

2. Special additional duty (SAD): 4%.
3. Countervailing Duty (CVD): 0% to 12% depending upon the goods.
4. Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS): 10%.
5. Anti-dumping Duty: As per notification.
6. Compensation Cess:
7. Safeguard Duty: As per notification.
8. Integrated Good & Services Tax (IGST): 5% to 28%.
9. Customs handling fee: 1%.

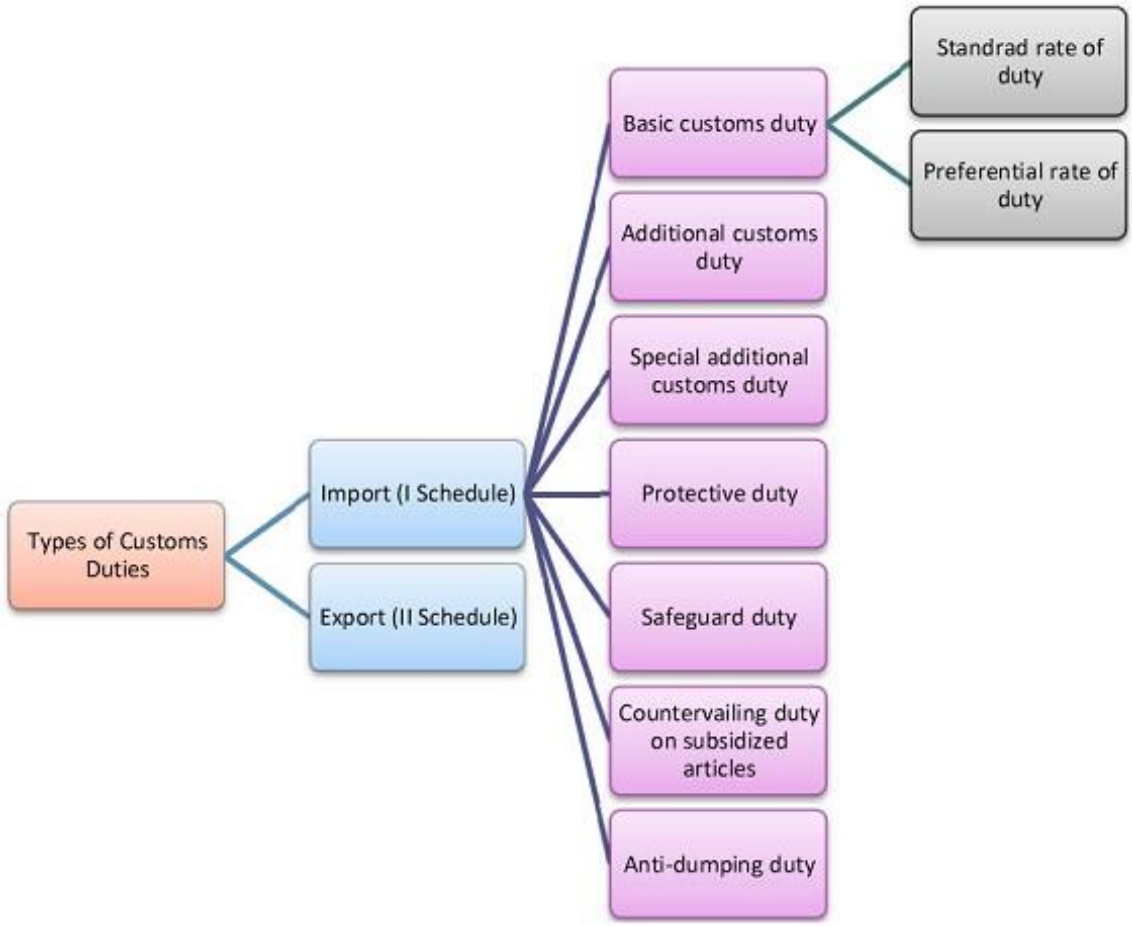

Fig. 5.14: Types of Customs Duties

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

The customs clearance procedure is an important aspect in any international trade. The customs clearance (Fig.5.15) procedures are two types i.e. import customs clearance procedure and export customs clearance procedure. The step

by step procedures of these is given below.

Fig. 5.15: CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

Import Customs Clearance Procedure:

1. **Preparation and Submission of import documents:** It is very essential to prepare and gather certain important documents such as Bill of Entry, Packing List, Commercial Invoice and Import License, etc. The documents more particularly bill of entry need to be submitted to the customs authorities then the imports customs clearance process get initiated by the customs authorities.

2. **Assessment of Customs Duties:** After filing the import documents the customs authorities initiates the process of clearance and customs authorities calculate the customs duties applicable to the goods on declared value of the goods.

3. **Physical Examination of goods and Sampling:** The customs authorities may also conduct physical inspection of goods regarding its quantity and quality. They even collect samples of imported goods to verify their compliance with prescribed standards and regulations in force (Fig.5.16).

Fig. 5.16: Physical Examination of goods and Sampling

4. **Payment of Customs Duties and obtain Customs Release:** By paying the required customs duties levied on the imported goods customs release certificate can be obtained. This customs release certificate permits to take the possession of goods imported (Fig.5.17).

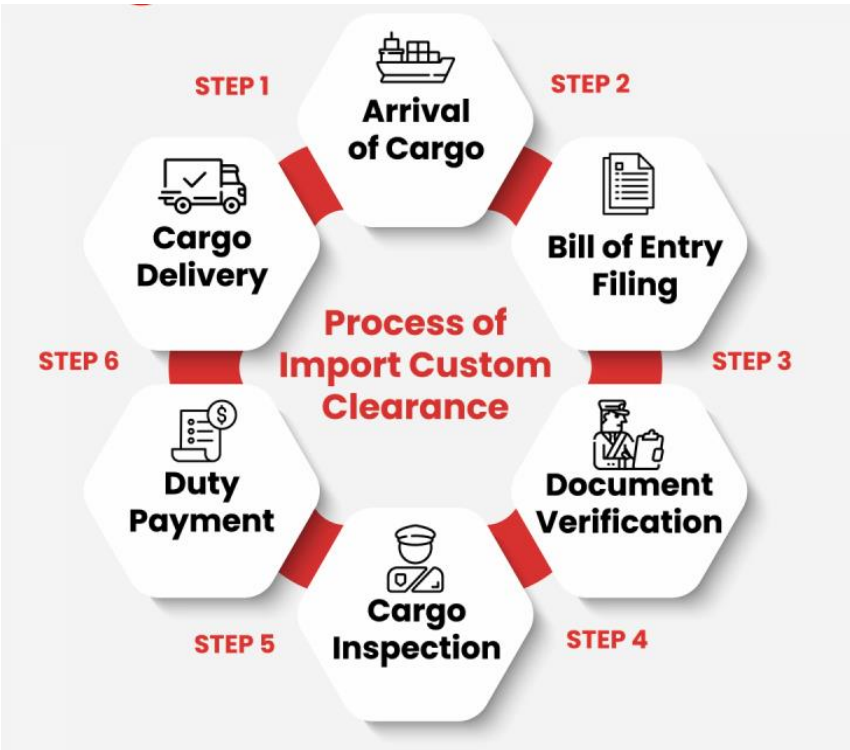

Fig. 5.17: Process of Import Custom Clearance

Export Customs Clearance

The following procedure helps to meet the regulatory requirement at the time of

export of goods.

1. **Preparation and Filling of Documents:** The exporter required to prepare the necessary documents such as shipping bill, Commercial Invoice and Packing List, etc. These documents contain all necessary information regarding the goods imported. Most importantly the Shipping Bill has to be filed with the Customs Authorities which serves as the declaration by the importer regarding the goods imported.

2. **Verification and Assessment:** Customs authorities inspect the goods to be exported to check whether all compliances with regulations are met and to verify the declared value of the goods. Based on the declared value so finalised the customs authorities determine the export taxes if any applicable on such goods or export incentives and other benefits applicable on such exports.

3. **Payment of Export Duties and obtain the Let Export Order:** Export duties are only levied on very few goods, after payment of these duties the customs authorities will clear the export documents and issue Let Export Order. The Let Export Order permits the export of goods from India to the other country (Fig. 5.18).

Fig. 5.18: Export Clearance

Delivery of Goods

After completing the import and export clearance formalities, the vehicle driver requires to consult security personnel at the entry of the gate and to be in coordination with him/her to take the delivery in case of import and to unload the goods in the specified area. The import goods delivery and export goods unloading can only be done in the supervision of customs authorities.

Activities

Activity 1: Perform Customs Duty Calculation.

Materials Required: Sample import/export invoices**,** Customs duty rate chart

Procedure:

1. Provide students with sample import and export invoices.
2. Share a customs duty rate chart or guide for reference.
3. Ask students to calculate the customs duty for the given invoices based on the provided rates.
    a) Determine HS code classification.
    b) Assess goods value.
    c) Check tariff rates.
    d) Consider trade agreements.
    e) Note transportation mode.
    f) Account for taxes.
    g) Ensure proper documentation.
    h) Engage customs brokers if necessary
4. Discuss the results and reasoning behind the calculations.
5. Submit notebook to your teacher.

Activity 2: Document Preparation for Import

Materials Required: Import-related documents (Bill of Entry, Packing List, Commercial Invoice)

Procedure:

1. Introduce students to the necessary documents for import customs clearance.
2. Provide a set of sample documents or scenarios.
3. Ask students to prepare a set of import documents.
4. Review and discuss the importance of each document in the customs clearance process.
    a) Obtain necessary import licenses or permits.
    b) Determine classification and HS code of imported goods.
    c) Ensure compliance with import regulations and restrictions.
    d) Arrange for transportation and logistics for the import.
    e) Prepare and submit customs documentation, including import declarations.
    f) Pay applicable customs duties, taxes, and fees.
5. Student should paste those documents in their notebook.
6. Students should submit their notebook to teacher.
7. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 3: Demonstrate the documents and determine Export Duty Analysis

Materials Required: Export-related documents (Shipping Bill, Commercial Invoice, Packing List)

Procedure:

1. Discuss the concept of export duties and incentives.
2. Provide sample export-related documents.
3. Ask students to analyze the documents and determine if any export duties or incentives apply.
4. Encourage students to explore the impact on the overall export process.

a) Obtain necessary export licenses or permits.

b) Determine classification and HS code of goods.

c) Prepare commercial invoice, packing list, and other required documentation.

d) Arrange for transportation and logistics.

e) Complete customs clearance procedures.

f) Comply with export regulations and restrictions.

g) Ensure proper packaging and labelling of goods.

h) Verify payment terms and methods.

i) Confirm insurance coverage for the shipment.

j) Monitor shipment progress and resolve any issues that arise.

k) Provide necessary documentation to the buyer or freight forwarder.

l) Follow up to ensure successful delivery and receipt of goods by the buyer.

5. Student should paste those documents in their notebook.
6. Students should submit their notebook to teacher.
7. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Activity 4: Perform Role Play on Customs Clearance

Materials Required: Role play scenarios (importer, exporter, customs officer)

Procedure:

1. Assign roles to students (importer, exporter, customs officer).
2. Provide scripted or improvised scenarios for customs clearance interactions.
3. Students act out the customs clearance process, including document submission, duty calculation, and physical examination.
4. Debrief the role play and discuss challenges and learnings from each

perspective.

a) Submission of Documentation

b) Assessment of Duties and Taxes

c) Customs Inspection

d) Payment of Duties and Taxes

e) Customs Clearance Decision

f) Release of Goods

g) Record-Keeping

h) Post-Clearance Activities

5. Students should submit their script to teacher.

6. Teacher should evaluate and give feedback to students.

Check Your Progress

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Customs duty is a tax levied by the Government at time movement of goods across the _____.

2. The main intention of imposing customs duty is to safeguard _____.

3. Special Additional Duty (SAD) is _____.

4. The customs authorities may also conduct _____ of goods.

5. After paying the required customs duties levied on the imported goods _____ can be obtained.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Basic Customs Duty (BCD is _____

a) 4% to 40%

b) 10%

c) 0% to 100%

d) 100%

2. It is essential to prepare and gather certain important documents such as _____

a) Bill of Entry

b) Packing List

c) Commercial Invoice

d) All of the above

3. Integrated Good & Services Tax (IGST) is _____

a) 0% to 15%

b) 5% to 28%

c) 5%

d) 20%

4. The exporter requires to prepare the necessary documents such as ___

a) bill of entry

b) shipping bill

c) A & B

d) None of the above

5. The import goods delivery and export goods unloading can only be done in the supervision of _____.

a) Local Police

b) Personnel Security of the firm

c) Customs authorities

d) Owner of the truck

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1. The customs clearance procedures are of four types.
2. Export duties are only levied on all goods to be exported.
3. Based on the declared value finalised the customs authorities determine export incentives and other benefits applicable on such exports.
4. The import goods delivery or export goods unloading is not required to be done in the supervision of customs authorities.
5. Customs authorities even collect samples of imported goods to verify their compliance with prescribed standards and regulations in force.

D. Match the Columns

S.No	Column A	S.No	Column B
1	Customs duty	**A**	10%
2	Anti- dumping duty	**B**	Exports
3	Incentives	**C**	1%
4	Social welfare surcharge	**D**	International boarders

	5	Customs handling fee	**E**	Imports

E. Short Answer Questions

1. Define Customs Duty.
2. Discuss the verification and assessment procedures.
3. List the documents required to be prepared for customs clearance.

F. Long Answer Questions

1. Describe the components of Import Duties.
2. Explain the import customs procedures.
3. Describe the export customs procedures.

G. Check Your Performance

1. Prepare a chart showing components of Import Duties.
2. Demonstrate in class the export customs procedures.

Answer Keys

MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO LAND TRANSPORTATION

Session 1: Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chain

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. retailers, 2. Outbound, 3. logistics, 4. supply chain, 5. Operational, 6. bi-directional, 7. marketplace

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.C, 2.A, 3.D, 4.A, 5.C

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1.True, 2. False, 3. True, 4. True, 5. True

D. Match the Column

1.C, 2.A, 3.B, 4.D, 5.E

Session 2: Functioning of Land Transportation

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. people, goods, or cargo, 2. Road transportation, 3. railways and train tracks, 4. liquids, gases, and even solids, 5. roads or tracks.

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.C, 3.B

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1.False, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True

D. Match the Column

1.B, 2.C, 3.D, 4.A

Session 3: Equipment used in Land Transportation

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. facility, 2. Safety, 3. Path, 4. Speed, 5. route

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 4.A, 5.C

C. State whether the following statements are True or False

1.False, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True

D. Match the Column

1.D, 2.E, 3.A, 4.C, 5.B

Session 4: Essential Document Required In Land

Transportation

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. motorized, 2. Registration and insurance, 3. Taxes, 4. Waybill, 5. insurance company

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.D, 3.B, 4.C, 5.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.A, 3.B, 4.C, 5.D

MODULE 2: CONSIGNMENT BOOKING FOR TRANSPORTATION

Session 1: Order Booking

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Order booking, 2. Purchase Order, 3. Sales Order, 4. Consignment Booking, 5. logistics cost reduction

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.A, 2.B, 3.C, 4.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.F, 3.T, 4.T, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.C, 2.D, 3.B, 4.E, 5.A

Session 2: Type Of Vehicles For Transportation

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. truck, 2. refrigerated truck, 3. Less-than-truckload (LTL), 4. Full-truckload (FTL) raw materials

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.C, 3.A

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1. T, 2.T, 3.F, 4.F, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.B, 2.D, 3.E, 4.C, 5.A

Session 3: Transportation Cost

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.Transportation cost, 2. weight and volume, 3. shipping and freight, 4. Handling and storage, 5. bank transfers

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.A, 2.B, 3.C, 4.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.F, 3.F

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.C, 3.A, 4.B, 5.D

Session 4: Regulatory Compliance of Vehicles in Transportation

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.freight transportation, 2. Freight forwarders, 3. Air carriers, 4. Risk management, 5. supply chains

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.C, 2.B, 3.B, 4.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.F, 3.T, 4.T, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.C. 2. A, 3.D, 4.E, 5.B

MODULE 3: CONSIGNMENT PROCESSING IN RANSPORTATION

Session 1: Consignment Processing

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.movement, 2. consignee, 3. packing and loading, 4. bill of lading, 5. routing

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.A, 2.B, 3.C

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.T, 3.T, 4.F, 5.T

Session 2: Lorry Receipt

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.contract, 2. freight bill, 3. route, 4. cargo, 5. terms and conditions

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.C, 2.A, 3.C, 4.C, 4.C

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.F, 2.F, 3.F, 4.F, 5.T

Session 3: Goods and Services Tax (GST) Permits for Dispatching Vehicles

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.Goods and Services Tax, 2.GST-compliant, 3. input tax credit, 4.freight transportation, 5.prepayment

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.C, 2.B, 3.A, 4.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.F, 2.F, 3.T, 4.T, 5.T

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.D, 3.A, 4.B, 5.C

Session 4: Tracking

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.Global Positioning System, 2.tracking, 3.tracking number, 4.location 5.current location

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.C, 2.B, 3.C, 4.D

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.F, 2.F, 3.F, 4.T, 5.T

D. Match the Columns

1.B, 2.C, 3.D, 4.E, 5.A

MODULE 4: ROUTE PLANNING AND VENDOR COORDINATION

Session 1: Transporters and Laws in Land Transportation

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.facilitator or intermediary, 2. Intermodal Transportation, 3. destination, 4. Motor Vehicles Act, 5. Traffic Regulations

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.C, 3.D, 4.A, 5.A

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.F, 3.T, 4.T, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.C, 3.B, 4.A, 5.D

Session 2: Route Planning and Collection of Data

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.efficiency and productivity, 2. similar, 3. optimal routes, 4. Transhipment, 5. Time-sensitive planning

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.A, 2.C, 3.D, 4.D, 5.A

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.T, 3.F, 4.T, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.A, 3.B, 4.C, 5.D

Session 3: Coordination with Stake Holders

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.communication and collaboration, 2. communication channels

3.waybill, 4. space, 5. permits

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.D, 2.D, 3.A, 4.D, 5.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.F, 3.F, 4.T, 5.T

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.A, 3.B, 4.C, 5.D

Session 4: Technical Knowledge in Route Planning and Vendor

COORDINATION

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.manually, 2. Route planners, 3.GPS (Global Positioning System), 4. geographical, 5. regulations and restrictions

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.A, 3.D, 4.A, 5.A

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.T, 3.F, 3.T, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.B, 2.A, 3.E, 4.C, 5.D

MODULE 5: GATE OPERATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION

Session 1: Basics of Gate Operations

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.Enterprise Resource Planning, 2. Warehouse Management System, 3. front and rear, 4. Delivery order, 5. Interoffice memo

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.D, 2.D, 3.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.T, 3.T, 4.F, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.B, 2.C, 3.D, 4.E, 5.A

Session 2: Warehouse Operations

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.unloading, 2. Enterprise Resource Planning, Transportation Management System, 3. after, 4. ships or airplanes, 5. priorities, item

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.B, 2.B, 3.A, 4.B

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.F, 2.F, 3.F, 4.T, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.B, 3.D, 4.C, 5.A

Session 3: Transportation of Hazardous Good

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.dangerous, 2. posing a risk, 3. unstable, stability, 4.IS 18149:2023, 5. trained and qualified

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.D, 2.D, 3.C, 4.C, 5.D

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.T, 2.T, 3.T, 4.F, 5.F

D. Match the Columns

1.B, 2.D, 3.E, 4.C, 5.A

Session 4: Customs Duty and Clearance

A. Fill in the Blanks

1.borders, 2. domestic industries, 3. imported goods, 4. inspection, 5. clearance

B. Multiple Choice Questions

1.C, 2.D, 3.B, 4.C, 5.C

C. State Whether the Following Statements Are True or False

1.F, 2.F, 3.F, 4.F, 5.T

D. Match the Columns

1.E, 2.D, 3.B, 4.A, 5.C

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Receipt Documentation	Document acknowledging the receipt of goods in a lorry or truck.
GST Permits	Compliance with Goods and Services Tax regulations for dispatching vehicles.
Shipment Tracking	Monitoring the movement and status of consignments during transportation.
Transporter Laws	Understanding laws and regulations governing transporters in land transportation.
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Stakeholder Collaboration	Ensuring effective coordination with all parties involved in transportation.

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