***Class-VII  
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***HANDOUT***

Transport is the means by which people and goods move. In the early days it took a great deal of time, to travel long distances. People had to walk and used animals to carry their goods. Invention of the wheel made transport easier. With the passage of time different means of transport developed but even today people use animals for transport.

In our country donkeys, mules, bullocks and camels are common. Airplanes have made travel faster. Now it takes only 6-8 hours to travel from India to Europe. Modern means of transport this saves time and energy.

The four major means of transport are 1. Roadways, 2. Railways,

3. Waterways and 4. Airways

1. Roadways: - The most commonly used of transport especially for short distances are roads. They can be metalled and unmetalled (kutchha) .The plains have a dense network of roads. Manali-Leh highway in the Himalayan Mountains is one of the highest roadways in the world.
2. Railways:-The railways carry heavy goods and people over long distances quickly and cheaply. The invention of the steam engine and the industrial Revolution helped in speedy development of rail transport. Diesel and electric engines have largely replaced the steam engines.
3. Waterways: - Waterways are the cheapest for carrying heavy and bulky goods over long distances. They are mainly of two types- inland waterways and sea routes. Navigable rivers and lakes are used as inland waterways. Sea routes and oceanic routes are mostly used for transporting merchandise and goods from one country to another. These routes are connected with the ports.
4. Airways: - This is the fastest way of transport developed in the early twentieth century. It is also the most expensive due to high cost of fuels. Helicopters are extremely useful in most inaccessible areas and in time of calamities for rescuing people and distributing food, water, clothes and medicines.