

CHAPTER 20

MOTOR VEHICLES

20.1 In India the first car ran on roads in 1897. Prior to independence in the 1940s India had no automobile industry to speak of. Cars were brought into the country in a knocked down condition from England. They were reassembled to serve the minuscule market provided by the British ruling class and some Indian elites. The presence of such vehicles led to the birth of an indigenous spare parts industry mostly concentrated in the south of the country. Road Transport in India grew rapidly after 1947 owing to rapid growth in urbanization and per capita income and to the vehicle production moving there.

20.2 Following economic liberalization in India in 1991, the Indian automotive industry has demonstrated sustained growth as a result of increased competitiveness and relaxed restrictions. Several Indian automobile manufacturers expanded their domestic and international operations. India's robust economy led to the further expansion of its domestic automobile market which attracted significant India-specific investment by multinational automobile manufacturers.

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Source of Data:

- Data collected from different source agencies is compiled and published by the **Transport Research Wing of Ministry of Road Transport and High Ways**.
- Information on working of State transport undertakings including average fleet held & operated is maintained by **Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune**.
- Office of **Registrar General of India** also collects information on number of households having two wheelers and four wheelers during decennial **Census**.
- **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)** maintains information on automobile production & sales in various categories.
- **National Sample Survey Office** also collects information on ownership of vehicles by households including expenditure for new acquisition and maintenance expenses thereafter through consumer expenditure surveys.

References:

- Road Transport Year Book 2014-15, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
- Census 2011 results on ownership of assets by households.
- Review of the Performance of State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) (Passenger Services for April, 2014 – March, 2015), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

