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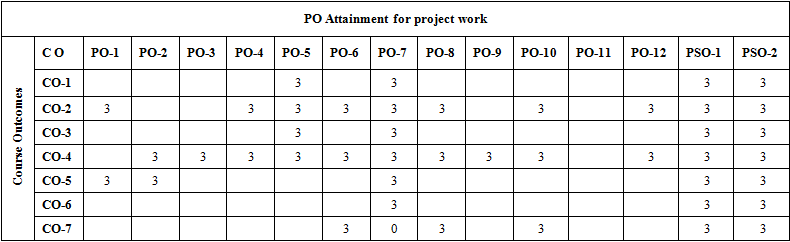
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**ABSTRACT**

The traffic composition on multilane highways in India varies depending upon the vehicle type, engine, manoeuvring ability, etc. This mix of vehicles with different operating capabilities results in a broad range of speed. The inconsistency of traffic flow behaviour with broad range of speed on uninterrupted freeways might largely affect the traffic assignment system. To understand the real traffic behaviour, it requires quantification of some basic characteristics like lane utilization, flow rates, classified volume count, speed of individual vehicle along with the stream speed and its composition.  
  
This research paper has been done to understand the undulations in traffic flow and the efficiency of lane distribution system over the speculated area of study.

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**CHAPTER -1**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this project is to study the traffic characteristics on lane utilization. Lane Utilization can roughly be defined as how the rate of traffic flow is distributed among the available number of lanes in a given section. The importance of studying lane utilization comes from the fact that it is one of the important parameters for calibrating the parameters of micro-simulation traffic models. Traffic microsimulation models simulate the behaviour of individual vehicles within a predefined road network and are used to predict the likely impact of changes in traffic patterns resulting from changes to traffic flow or from changes to the physical environment. Driving disorder, such as having difficulty in staying in the lane, abrupt lane changes and driving on the shoulder are typical consequences of many dangerous driving circumstances and can be grouped under the heading of “lateral discipline of driving”. Recognition of these situations is largely observational and spotted/examined by police at high costs. In this project, a discrete analysis on lane utilization factor is made by observing the traffic in a time period of two hours each on peak hour and off-peak hour. The factors such as vehicle composition in each lane, type of vehicle travelling in each lane and sub-lanes are considered. A simple tallying is done for obtaining the volume of the traffic in individual lanes. The data is then extracted to excel sheets, bar diagrams and pie charts are fabricated for the better understanding of the study on lane utilization.

On most freeways, a number of factors interact to produce lane-to-lane variations in speed and volume which are both site and volume dependent. In addition to their independent variations, speed and flow are also shown to interact differently across different lanes and result in different underlying speed-flow relationships.

Many states have implemented large-scale transportation management systems to improve mobility in urban areas. These systems are highly prone to missing and erroneous data, which results in drastically reduced data sets for analysis and real-time operations. Imputation is the practice of filling in missing data with estimated values. Currently, the transportation industry generally does not use imputation as a means for handling missing data. Other disciplines have recognized the importance of addressing missing data and, as a result, methods and software for imputing missing data are becoming widely available. The feasibility and applicability of imputing missing traffic data are addressed, and a preliminary analysis of several heuristic and statistical imputation techniques is performed. Preliminary results produced excellent performance in the case study and indicate that the statistical techniques are more accurate while maintaining the natural characteristics of the data.

**Objective**

* To study lane discipline and lane utilization behavior for different categories of vehicles on various national highways.
* To compare the results of lane utilization factors for different lanes and vehicles observed on the road.
* To model lane utilization using parameters like classified traffic volume and average stream speed for prevailing roadway and traffic conditions on the selected area of study.

**Scope**

For this purpose, two locations each in the districts of Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam along the highways NH-16, NH-26 have been considered.

The locations taken for the study are Boyapalem(NH-16,VSP), Ghambiram(NH-16,VSP), Jonnada(NH-26,VZM), Police barracks area(NH-26,VZM).

The different vehicle categories considered for the study are car, two-wheeler, three-wheeler, heavy good vehicle (i.e. bus and trucks).

**CHAPTER -2**

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

**2.1 Overview**

A large amount of research has been completed in the field of lane distribution, prior. The current literature review summarizes the current state of knowledge and verifies various methods that have been used. It also mentions the need to investigate for the current study case.

**2.2 Literature Review**

Distraction in driving is responsible about three in four crashes and can be considered to be misallocated attention. NHTSA’s 100-car naturalistic driving study provides compelling evidence of its importance, Smiley [2005]. Dangerous driving is caused by a number of reasons such as aggressive, impaired or distracted driving resulting in many vehicular accidents. A possible concise classification of its breakdown, largely from the traffic engineering perspective, can be shown in Figure 1. The diagram accounts for the general categories of dangerous driving in a simple structure. Distracted and fatigue driving can also be considered impaired. Inattentive driving will impair driving performance differently than aggressive driving because the actions are deliberate with aggressive driving. The impact of the various types of impairment will differ, for example, there is some evidence that standard deviation of lane position increases with visual distraction and decreases with cognitive distraction, e.g. DfT [2004] and Nowakowski [2002].

Aggressive driving, from psychologists’ point of view, can also be categorised as (a) intentional acts of aggression toward others, (b) negative emotions experienced while driving, and (c) risk-taking [Dula and Geller, 2003]. Driver distractions, like using mobile phones, adjusting radio (caste/CD players), moving an object in-vehicle, smoking related activities, outside person (object/event) have been studied by others and many accidents have been associated with these causes. For example, Stutts and Hunter [2003] reported that about 13% of crashes occurred in their study sample were resulted by driver distraction. Eby and Vivoda [2003] found that 2.7% of drivers in Michigan were using a mobile phone at any given moment during daylight hours and this rate was consistent with the US national rate reported by NHTSA [2001]. According to Brookhuis et al [1991] and Fairclough et al [1991] typical consequences of phone use while driving are poorer lane keeping, more variable speed and a slower reaction time to hazards. Lamble et al [1999] found that engaging in a demanding phone conversation while driving shortened brake reaction times significantly. Most importantly severe accidents also happen due to alcohol-impaired driving (drink-driving), see Ross [1993] for a detailed review. The causes of dangerous driving (mentioned above) are subject to different legal regulations. Whereas smoking or adjusting the radio during driving, for example, are considered as minor distractions, drinkdriving is totally unacceptable and offenders are penalised if caught almost everywhere in the world. However, all of these cases have commonalities in terms of irregular and dangerous driving patterns they exhibit, in particular lateral driving disorder (i.e. poor lane keeping). Irregular behaviour in the longitudinal direction, however, may not necessarily relate to these offences, as they are mainly in the form of speeding and harsh breaking, which may be caused by many other factors and detected by other means. Most jurisdictions have highway code offences for dangerous driving such as driving without due care attention and driving without consideration. According to current legislations [DfT, 2006], a driver is guilty of dangerous driving if the way he or she drives falls far below what would be expected of a competent and careful driver; and it would be obvious to a competent and careful driver that driving in that way would be dangerous. Whereas dangerous is explicitly defined within the 1991 Act, careless is not. There are two forms of the Careless and Inconsiderate Driving offence: driving without due care and attention, and driving without reasonable consideration for other road users.

# **Lane-Distribution Models and Related Effects on the Capacity for a Three-Lane Freeway Section: Case Study in Italy**

One of the first studies on the lane distribution for multi-lane carriageways was that by the US Public Roads Administration (Normann, 1942). Several highway authorities carried out significant studies on lane distribution in the late 1960s and 70s on rural and urban highways and freeways with two-, three-, four- and five-lane unidirectional carriageways (Taragin, 1958) (Lynch et al., 1969). In these studies, the non-homogeneous use of a multi-lane road was highlighted, along with the observation that the percentage of use of the shoulder lane (by which the authors mean the lane nearest to the hard shoulder, which is the right-hand lane for countries driving on the right-hand side of the road) was inversely proportional to the total flow. With increasing flow, vehicles seemed to prefer the middle or median lanes (by median lane the authors mean the lane closest to the central reservation and the left-hand lane for countries driving on the right-hand side of the road). The first multiple regression models were proposed in these studies to fit the functional formulation of lane use percentage, known as Lane Flow Ratio (LFR).

A few years later, Pignataro (1973) carried out several studies on the American three-lane freeway system, which reflected the typical variation in traffic flows by lane. Under conditions of low flow, he observed that almost half the total flow travelled by preference on the middle lane. With increasing flow, he observed that flow on the two inner (fastest) lanes (middle and median lanes) was equally distributed with reduced usage of the shoulder (slowest) lane.

A detailed study of the variability in traffic flow characteristics and parameters across lanes was conducted by Allen et al. (1985) in Ontario, Canada, in which they demonstrated some differences in speed, flow and density distribution. In the study, and in subsequent research, Hall and Gunter (1986) also showed that the lane capacity values are different, these being lower for the shoulder lane and higher for the middle and median lanes.

Nordaen and Rundmo (2009) and Ozkan et al. (2006) suggested that drivers’ behaviour is significantly affected by cultural differences among countries. This might explain the differences in the pattern of lane changes for different countries as reported by Ferrari (1989). Gunay (2004) in his study on Turkish highways also reported that the lane utilization coefficients are significantly different from those obtained in developed countries. Gunay explained the reasons behind that behavior by the so called “untidy lanes” where no marking lines between lanes were present with poor lane discipline. Some studies (Knoop et al. 2010 and Lee and Park 2012) considered the lane utilization as a function of traffic density. From the literature review it may be noted that most of the research works on lane usage and distribution are conducted in developed countries. Also, it may be noted that there have been very few studies conducted for studying lane distribution on multilane roads.

**Study of Lane Utilization on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway**

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In a “Study of Lane Utilization on Delhi-Gurgoan expressway” conducted by Sagar Kurle, Krishna Nikhil Sumanth Behara, J. Rajendra Prasad, Shriniwas Shrikant Arkatkar, they highlight that the lane utilization is affected by several factors such as vehicle composition, traffic flow rate and vehicular speeds. They based their findings on eight hours of video graphic data collected from a road stretch on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway, incorporating both peak and off peak hours. The main objective of the study is to study the lane usage characteristics on Delhi-Gurgaon expressway which is a urban multi-lane road .Lane use distributions represent the proportion of an individual lane’s traffic out of the total traffic at a given multilane roadway. Pignataro (1973) examined a number of studies of American three-lane freeways. From these studies, a typical variation in traffic flows was observed to exist. Specifically, for freeways with three lanes in one direction, and under conditions of low flow, the center lane was observed to carry the bulk of the total flow, or approximately 47 percent. The shoulder lane also carried a significant portion of the total traffic, namely 31 percent, while the median side lane was observed to carry the lowest percentage, approximately 22 percent. As the total volume increased, Pignataro observed that the flows in both the shoulder and center lanes dropped, while the percentages of total flow in the median lane increased. When the arrival rate was sufficiently high, around 1670 veh/h/lane, the percentage of flow in both the median and center lanes were observed to be equal, each carrying approximately 37 percent of the total flow. At these higher flows, the shoulder lane was underutilized, carrying only 26 percent of the total traffic flow. May (1990) supported these observations for U.S. three-lane freeways and expanded the focus to include the observed traffic flow variations for a German autobahn. For the German freeway, the distribution was similar to that of the American structures in that the percentages of total flow in the shoulder and center lanes continually decreased, while the median lane flow increased. However, the German data differed from the American studies in that the flows on the median and center lanes were not equal under high flows. Specifically, under high flows, the median lane was observed to carry significantly higher flows than both the shoulder and center lanes. Some of the researchers applied the lane utilization concept to maintain desired speed and to minimize the frequency of lane changing on freeways (Moriarty and Langley 1998; Wang and Liu 2005). Various studies have used traffic volume as a practical measure to explain lane use distributions especially for uncongested traffic condition (Amin and Banks 2005; Hurdle, Merlo, and Robertson 1997; Yang, Xhang, and Gao 2008; Hong and Oguchi 2008; Smith and Conklin 2002) However, previous studies used field measured volume for uncongested condition and often used simulated volume and density for congested condition in determining lane use distribution. Carter, Rakha, and Van Aerde (1999) used occupancy for the study of lane use distribution. Papageorgiou et at. (1989) have studied several situations pertaining to knowledge of the traffic volume distribution to lanes and its assistance in traffic management of suburban highways. Many studies (for example, Yousif and Hunt (1995) and Brackstone et al. (1998)) have asserted that for motorway segments far away from merge or diverge sections; vehicles are distributed mainly based on total traffic flow. The lane use distribution is closely related to the lane utilization, capacity, and safety. In addition, the lane use distribution is an informative factor for understanding lane-by-lane variations on freeways for microscopic traffic simulation models (Banks 2006).

# **Study of Speed-Flow Relationships on Individual Freeway Lanes**

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Many researchers have examined the form of the relationship between speed and flow on freeways. However, these researchers have concentrated on relationships for the freeway as a whole instead of on individual lanes. In this study, the relationship was examined for each of the three lanes at two locations on Highway 401 in metropolitan Toronto. It proved possible to accurately describe the mean speed in each lane with simple linear functions over the range of flows of most practical interest. Cubic functions provided comparable results over a wider range of flows, but it appears unlikely that the very high and very low flows are of sufficient interest to justify the added complexity. When an attempt was made to examine the relationship between speed and flow for the entire roadway, the linear functions were not adequate, but cubic functions performed reasonably well. However, the details of the full roadway curves are quite different from those of the curves described in the 1994 *Highway Capacity Manual.* In particular, the curves described in the manual are much steeper than the Highway 401 curves at high flows, implying a much more rapid loss of performance as flow approaches capacity than was observed. The full roadway curves are also surprisingly different from the curves for the individual lanes.

**2.3 Conclusion**

The results of the present study in the form of lane utilization and lane discipline behavior by different vehicle types may help in differentiating the characteristics of traffic on expressways in relation to the other roads in India. It may be also helpful to refine the microscopic simulation models and its parameters by using data collected about Indian roads’ traffic flow in order to validate them at micro-level.

**CHAPTER -3**

**DATA AND METHODOLOGY**

This chapter describes how data were collected and how they were evaluated to identify factors associated with Lane Utilization using data from districts of Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam along the highways NH-16, NH-26.

**3.1 Data Collection**

The main data collection task was to manually collect the categorical vehicular count i.e., car, two-wheeler, three-wheeler, heavy good vehicle through an instantaneous cross section of the lane in individual lanes at peak hour and off hour. The time periods for data collection were opted out such that it covers wider variation of traffic flow conditions. The lanes are distributed as lane 1, lane 1.5, lane 2, lane 2.5 and so on. The data was then used in graphical, spatial and a statistical analysis for Lane Utilization.

Table 1: Data on lane distribution of different categories of vehicles collected on the area of work – Boyapalem

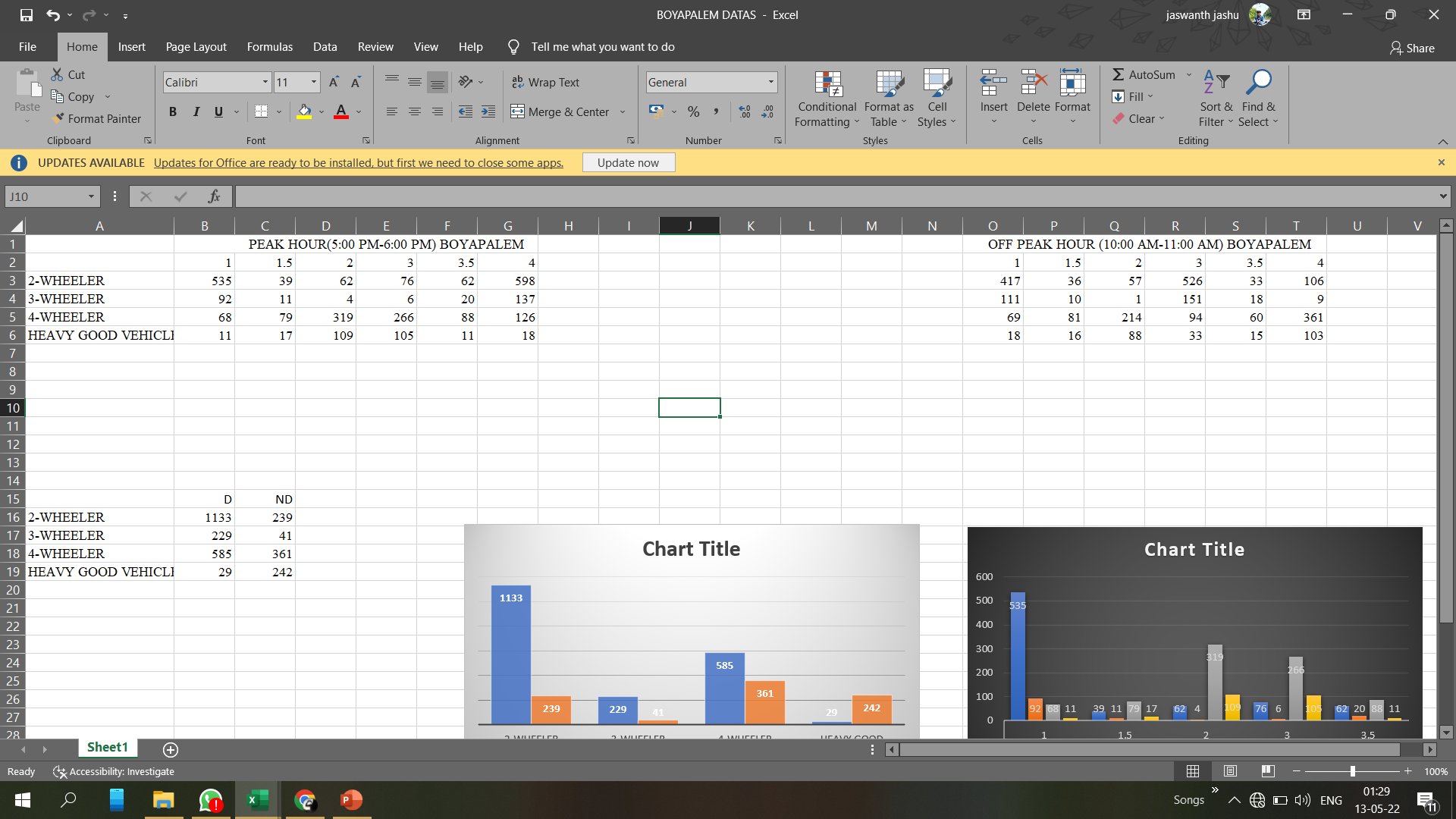


Figure 1: NH16 BOYAPALEM AREA 4 LANE ROAD





Table 2: Data on lane distribution of different categories of vehicles collected on the area of work – Gambhiram

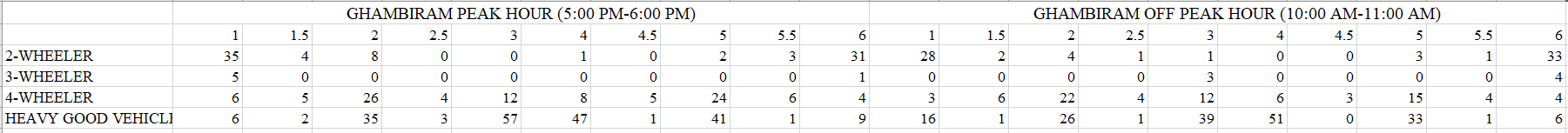
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Figure 2: ANANDAPURAM-PENDURTHI HIGHWAY (NH5/New NH16)

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Table 3: Data on lane distribution of different categories of vehicles collected on the area of work – Jonnada

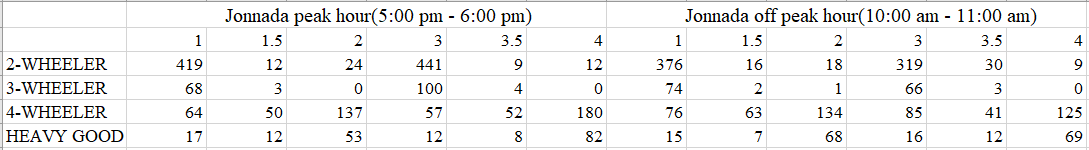
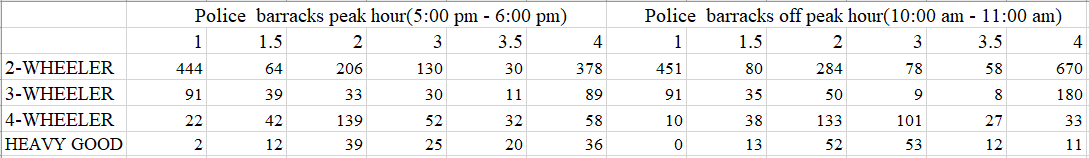
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Table 4: Data on lane distribution of different categories of vehicles collected on the area of work - Police barracks

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**3.2 Statistical Analysis**

**3.2.1 Categories of Vehicles Vs Lane Utilized**

To understand vehicle preference for particular lane the data collected was charted by categories of vehicles against lanes utilized.

Figure 3: NH16 Boyapalem - 2-Wheeler Vehicles Vs Lane Segment Utilized

Figure 4: NH16 Boyapalem - 3 Wheeler Vehicles Vs Lane Segment Utilized

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Figure 6: NH16 Boyapalem - Heavy Good Vehicles Vs Lane Segment Utilized

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Figure 18: Police Barracks – Heavy Good Vehicles Vs Lane Segment Utilized

**3.2.2 Lane Utilization charted against various vehicle categories**

To understand lane utilization at various points of time by different categories of vehicles, the data collected was charted by lane utilization against categories of vehicles.

Figure 19: NH16 Boyapalem – Lane 1 Utilization

Figure 20: NH16 Boyapalem – Lane 2 Utilization

Figure 21: NH16 Boyapalem – Lane 3 Utilization

Figure 22: NH16 Boyapalem – Lane 4 Utilization

Figure 23: Gambhiram – Lane 1 Utilization

Figure 24: Gambhiram – Lane 2 Utilization

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Figure 36: Police Barracks – Lane 4 Utilization

**3.3 Lane Discipline Analysis**

The main data collection task was to manually collect the categorical vehicular count i.e., car, two-wheeler, three-wheeler, heavy good vehicle through an instantaneous cross section of the lane in individual lanes at peak hour and off hour. The time periods for data collection were opted out such that it covers wider variation of traffic flow conditions. The lanes are distributed as lane 1, lane 1.5, lane 2, lane 2.5 and so on. each representing vehicle position on the expressway from the median, hence making it possible to quantify the degree of lane-discipline followed under the prevailing basic roadway and traffic conditions. For example, '1.5' represents that vehicle is violating lane discipline and travelling on lane area between lane 1 and lane 2. Same is applicable for lane 2.5 and lane 3.5 also. But for the purpose of modelling lane-wise lane distribution, the analysis has been done, only for the vehicles travelling on distinct lanes i.e., lanes 1, 2, 3 and 4. Speed is measured using the trap length for each vehicle. Average speed for each category of vehicle besides the stream speed is calculated for the given time interval. The data was then used in graphical, spatial and a statistical analysis for Lane Utilization.

To understand vehicle preference for particular lane the data collected was charted by categories of vehicles against lanes utilized by tallying the volume of each vehicle category, i.e., two-wheeler, four-wheeler, three-wheeler, heavy good vehicles of individual lane to the total volume of all vehicles combined in that respective lane. The data is transferred into excel format and pie charts are obtained through insert window.

To understand lane utilization at various points of time by different categories of vehicles, the data collected was charted by lane utilization against categories of vehicles.

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**RESULTS**

Section 3.3 provides details of numerical analysis done on the collected data to establish the lane discipline of various vehicles. The following are the plotted results of lane discipline calculated for the data.

Figure 37: NH16 BOYAPALEM - Vehicle Category wise Lane Discipline Analysis

Figure 38: Gambhiram - Vehicle Category wise Lane Discipline Analysis

Figure 39: Jonnada - Vehicle Category wise Lane Discipline Analysis

Figure 40: Police Barracks - Vehicle Category wise Lane Discipline Analysis

**CHAPTER – 5**

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

**5.1 Two-Wheeler Lane Discipline Analysis**

Consider figures - 36,37,38,39 mentioning lane discipline of 2 wheeler vehicles on different road cross-sections selected. 75% of vehicles from all data collected follow lane discipline. Majority of the 2 wheelers follow lane discipline considering their smaller size.