

## LIGHT TRUCK ( PICK-UP ) TRANSPORTATION IN RIYADH CITY

### Abstract :

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has witnessed economic growth in various sectors , particularly , in the transportation , preservation and communication sectors .

In recent times , the transportation sector is one of the significant issues attracting the attention of planners , economists and transport authorities . However , the light truck ( pick up ) transportation sector has not been given the adequate concern to the level that harmonizes with its significance .

This study therefore, explores the pick up transport in Riyadh in order to determine certain social and economic characteristics of Saudi drivers who work within the pick up transport sector and factors affecting the activities of this task .

In order to achieve the objectives of the study , a questionnaire paper has been designed and filled out through personal interviews conducted with some Saudi drivers at certain known stations of the light trucks in Riyadh .

The study has also revealed that the monthly earnings of majority ( ٧٤ % ) of Saudis who work in this sector is below ٢٠٠٠ Saudi Riyals and that the average trips covered by the drivers in Riyadh is ٦ trips a week . It also revealed that new and used furniture material comes at the top level in terms of the items conveyed by the light trucks ( pick ups ) .

The most prominent problems facing the Saudi drivers working in this sector is the disorganized way in which the stations where this trucks operates are arranged and the lower rates of the competitive conveyance fares .

The study presented a number of recommendations aiming at improving the light truck transport sector . This in turn shall create additional job opportunities for Saudi youth and generate investment funds in this productive sector .