PREFACE

The Indian Government have played a vital role in the development of inland fisheries in the country for the purpose of producing more nutritive food and to generate more employment in the rural areas. The inland fisheries projects run by World Bank also indicate the importance of inland fisheries in the several states of India. For reducing the pressure of rural population on land, it is essential to increase income and generate employment through other sources such as inland fisheries, poultry, diary, piggery etc.

Keeping in view this importance of inland fisheries in the present scenario of our country, and especially in Uttar Pradesh one of the most populated states of the country, the present study was initiated. The present research has tried to find out the socio economic features of the small, medium and large size groups of fish farmers, to examine the cost of production of inland fish, to study the important marketing channels, to find out marketing cost of inland fish, to find out the problems faced by fish farmers during the fish farming and marketing of fish.

The present study has been divided into five chapters. First chapter deals with the introduction and the objectives of the study. The second chapter includes the review of literatures and relevant findings. The third chapter deals with detailed descriptions of methodology. The forth chapter has included obtained result in tabular forms, interpretations of the result and discussion with various graphs. The fifth chapter deals with summary and conclusions, in the last suggestion have been presented.