PREFACE

Food security, now-a-days has become a global issue and every country tries for available alternatives in addition to agriculture. Fishery, in this regard has wide potentialities to cater the need. Realising this, Government of India with its policy intervention and support played a vital role in the development of inland fisheries in the country. Thus, the sector has been able to nutritive food and to generate sufficient income and employment particularly for the rural people. The inland fisheries projects run by World Bank also indicate its importance in several states of India. For reducing pressure of rural population on land, it is essential to increase income and generate employment through other source such as inland fisheries, Poultry, dairy, piggery etc.

Keeping in view the importance of inland fisheries in the country in general and in Uttar Pradesh, one of the most populated states of the country, in particular the present study was initiated. In this study the researcher has tried to analyse the socio-economic feathers of the fish farmers, to study the existing practices and resource use pattern in inland fishery, to examine the cost and return of fish production, to find out the problems and constraints faced by fish farmers during the fish farming and to come out with suggestions for policy decisions.

The present study has been divided into seven chapters. First chapter deals with the introduction and objectives of the study. The second chapter includes the review of literature. The third chapter deals with detailed description of methodology. The fourth chapter deals with the description of the tract under the study. The fifth chapter deals with the growth and potentials of fish production in the district, analysis of existing resources use pattern, cost incurred and income and employment in the fishery, factors' response on production at farm levels and problems of inland fishery have been discussed in sixth chapter while the seventh i.e. the last chapter deals with the summary and conclusions emerged out of the study.