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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The The present book "A Text Book of Pisciculture" is written according to the syllabus prescribed by Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded for the students of B.Sc. Third Year, offering this Course as per CBCS pattern of the parent university. However, it will be useful to the students of other universities also. An attempt has been made to present the text matter in a simple lucid language which is presented with simple, well labeled diagrams.

Since long ago, human beings have always been looking towards other living animals, to use them as food, shelter and for other agricultural purpose. All animals have their natural importance in the ecosystem by providing food or economical sources like Pisciculture, Aquaculture, etc. So they have very good status in small scale industries, which supports in raising socio-economic conditions of the nation. They also help by encouraging the young population to take up small scale industry as a career in this field. In preparation of this book we are supported by the useful literature for making the book informative and exhaustive for which we are greatly indebted to a numerous authors and research scholars.

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CHAPTER 1

Fish Farm Engineering

A 'Fish Farm' is the site where different types of fish ponds are constructed for rearing and maintenance of different stages of the selected fish species. The aquaculture activities start with the construction of ponds till the harvest of table-sized fish. Specific types of ponds are required for the culture of selected species. For the culture purposes in a fish farm usually different types of ponds are required which are the hatching ponds, nursery ponds, rearing ponds and stocking ponds.

An obvious prerequisite for fish culture is the availability of different types of ponds for rearing various stages of fish. The primary consideration in constructing a fish farm is the choice of a site which would provide good quality, water-retentive soil base and pond sides, having an assured adequate water supply to fill in ponds at any time of the year. The topography of the site should preferably be such that self-drainage of ponds is possible.

Success in fish farming and economy of the construction of a fish farm would depend largely on the selection of a suitable site for the fish farm.

The main considerations are:

1. Topography
2. Soil Type
3. Water Supply
4. Layout of fish farm

1. Topography:

Topography means the surface features of the land area and is important both from the point of view of construction and future

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