



## FISHERMEN'S OCCUPATION AND INCOME ANALYSIS: A CRITICAL STUDY

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### ABSTRACT:

Like other sectors are contributing to India's economical development, the fisheries work also is contributing highly in all the way of India's economical and social developments. Surely it dedicates its best hard works in strengthening India's income, exports, food, nutrition protection and creating employment opportunities. Just like other states are being major parts of India's fisheries work, the Tamilnadu also has been as an important elements in strengthening fisheries works along with plethora polices and facilities. fishing work of Tamilnadu is sharing 14 percent in India's total fish production activities, in entire Tamilnadu there are 13 fishermen villages, it has nearly 422 fishing villages, additionally it has 375 landing centers .In Tamilnadu there are certain famous and prominent fishing districts which are Chengalpattu, South Arcot, Thanjavur, Pattukottai, ramanathapuram, kanyakumari and Thoothukudi. These stats are doing continuous fishing works to save and protect their life through these occupations. So this study is attempting to analyses fishermen's family expenditures and savings procedures of their occupations in the present context.

### KEYWORDS:

**FISHERMEN, INCOME, EXPENDITURE, OCCUPATION, SAVINGS AND ECONOMY.**

### INTRODUCTION

India's economy is developing very fast and speedy since it has been encouraging all the private and public sector's business activities, notably in its growth stage the fisheries department and fishermen's hard works are contributing lot for its development for long back. herby government is able generate employment chances to the youngsters ,maintaining nutrition security and promoting India's export and import business activities. India is being as a second populated country in the world and also being as in largest Asian continent. Many of people apart from educated to uneducated is depending on agriculture work though India is big populated country along with the 1.21 billion people and 17.5% of the world populations. During these circumstances the fishing works among the fishermen community is also reducing government burden in terms of providing employment opportunity because they are getting enough money fin fishing works independently and not shown interest to seek government jobs. Toward sustain their subsistence they are doing individual and independent hard work in fishing fields instead of going to government and other jobs, their occupation gives chances to several middle men and peoples in terms of selling fish, try fish and exporting to other countries.

Tamilnadi is alone contributing 14% fishing activities in total India's fish catching works, in which fishing percentages and exports are day by day increased as per the tasty requirements of the buyer's people. prices will be

fluctuation based on the fish availability seasons but buyer's strength will be increasing one with a un abated taste on eating fish. Tamilnadu is able to perform excellently in increasing India's economic growth through its 5 five fish catching districts because these five districts people are doing excellent hard works in fishing fields thereby its business percentages are reached high in India's total fish catching percentages.

At the same time of fishermen involving in fishing activities they are facing several sea and coastal oriented risk and consequences which are managed and beard by their strong and fortified heartland which is familiar job to them. While they face some marine oriented problems their saving and protecting equipments will save them unless maritime security guard and force will help to them for come up from all those sea oriented risky problems.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

- To know the social, conomical status of the fishermen communities.
- To examine the income ratio and expenditure percentages and asset capacity of the fisher men's community.
- To assess the extent of indebtedness' among fishermen and the credit facilities available to them from formal and informal markets.
- To highlight the major problems are encountered by the fishermen for their economic upliftment
- To suggest and mention necessary remedial measures to overcome the problems of the fisherman.

## METHODOLOGY

This study is strictly fallen in secondary data which is collected from the entire secondary sources domain such as internet, published books, articles and magazines and newspapers. Through this information's this study is attempting to say some of core issues and problems of the fishermen community in the Tamilnadu coastal regions and also liked to discuss their family expenditures from their earning and savings.

## REASONS OF FISHING OCCUPATIONS

This business is not emerged newly but it is emerged for several decades ago owing to their presence along with sea shore which made them to see sea sources and motivated them to catch fish for their daily survival purpose. All the sea oriented safety and precautions are the major inventions of the fishermen communities these skills they got since they paid close attention in sea and fish catching activities. latter on their knowledge also widened in analyzing sea resources s and knowing its risks and consequences .In India people are classified into A, B and C based on their survival occupations likewise fishermen communities are associated with fishing works since they had been living long back in seashore thereby, fishing became as their favorite and familiar jobs.

## REASONS FOR BEING IN THE BUSINESS

Since India and its people are demarcated their domestic and habitual places likewise the fishermen's people also confined their job places in sea because of their locations, villages, living places and having erudite in sea resources they are being close and part of the sea resources. Their income and revenue is generated much surplus than government high officers, their high range revenue is earned in sea by dedicating their hard work in fish catching works and selling activities .Through their hard work of fish catching activities they familiar seen much money and available nearby tasty natural fishes for their appetite at cost free. Thereby they lived and stayed nearby sea shore for their future, job and revenue purpose, their job could be done by themselves alone rather than anybody else.

## NUMBER OF OWNERSHIP OF BOAT

In all the works only trained and expertise persons are able to go and involve with an adequate materials and tools, up to sometime some of new and trained guys are able to do any jobs without much developments at risky situations. Even in fish catching work both poor and rich persons have to go to fishing works with minimum tools up to certain periods after that they could not go, after minimum period is over they have to arrange or buy their needful accessories while they enter into sea because that is a business should do with careful and sincere for earn money unless life would jeopardized. For this sack continue their fish catching occupation they have to have boat individually or collectively with the help of the government and other sources of funding agencies. In all the villages of fishermen communities all person would

not have boat owing to their traditional financial and property meager situations this boat less person will go to fishing works by joining with other boat holders on daily wages basic. This boat less people will purchase boats and other relevant equipments after they save sufficient money until they should go to fishing work in other person's boats.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF THE FISHERMEN

Owing to goddess blessing to them they stayed and living very close to money rich and resourceful seashore where they don't have any problems because god gave to them all the household necessities. Only think is they have to have strong health conditions to continue fishing occupations unless nobody will take care because government do not interfere in their occupation and levy taxes to them since they are exploiting sea sources, it is a arbitrary work of them so they may earn until they do have proper health conditions. So, the average income is calculated more than 5 lacks per year this is a approximate amount but original amount would be exceeding beyond this amount because income ratio would be increased based on the fish selling in local market and external markets. No problem to their life in income wise because their good health conditional are the major sources of earning money in fish business, sea makes their life so happy and let other people to enjoy fish taste without fail.

## HOUSE HOLD EXPENDITURES

In a family expenditure are major reasons of its functioning, in this ways with pout money and expenditures family would not seem as a family and shine as a structure female temple in all the villages. Money is needed to do all the A to z family works if so everything would be maintained in a discipline way without mistakes in brought up. Children to family members would be diverted and perverted in immoral path of developments. comparing to other community families the expenditure ratio is are not high very low because most of fishermen communities are not educating their children's in paying schools and colleges at much fees structure, some of families are alone educating like that then expenditure ratio is very low. Fish is also available at less cost, money is also earned by them by selling fish in market. Comparing to expenditure savings are high in entire fishermen families, all the sea sources are converted into money is converted into capital in this wise savings are yearly increased strongly. This savings are multiplied due to their hard works and sleepless physical works that they put into sea for catch fish and shell fish for their daily survival without leaning on any other's assistances and helps.

The total expenditure incurred by the household are classified as Food and Non food items. The table 5 reflects expenditure incurred on food items comes on 26 percent. Thus it is clear that food item absorbs major share of income and non - food items absorbs major share of income, next to fuel and lighting, repairing of boat and net. The money spent on education is insignificant i.e., only a meager of 7 percent of the total expenditure goes for

education. The calculation of ratio of household expenditure to household income reveals that it is more than one. This indicate that fishermen are spending more than what they are earning, thereby apparently falling in the debt trap. What they are having equipments in catching fish items are not often repairable because boat is made by fiber and wood and their earning money would be exceeding rather than expenditure. in other caste families expenditure would be more than revenue but here revenue is more than expenditure which comes very low to income then they are able to save money in the future plans. Though some of families are running on expenditures classifications into food and non food items, which are manageable and faceable by these people due to they have much income.

### **INDEBTEDNESS AMONG FISHING HOUSEHOLDS**

Since most of fishing people are earning enough money to more than their family needs, they will not get or borrow money from anywhere else. Within their income they used to live and confine their needs and earn for meet all those needs. Though government of India and state governments are releasing so many welfare polices which are seeming on white paper alone rather than not going to needy people. Unless this fund is used by the government bodies that money would be refunded to concern department treasury. So, this people do not like to get money on interest basis or speed interest rate because it will disturb their work and family peace. Despite government had much welfare polices to strengthen this people life which are not known to their knowledge, polices of the government not yet is reaching to the needy people thereby needy people have been as a needy conditions at poor situation, anyhow fishermen people do not lean government supports and sources.

### **NEEDS AWARENESS ON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

Since India's independence it is has been much familiar one people of India seeing it's polices on television and news papers rather than benefiting from it. Though government has several departmental officers to execute its policies for the welfare of people but none of officers are not doing their affirmative jobs because of failing of senior officers' monitoring work. If they have done their true job in implementing govt enacted welfare polices people life status and economic status would be increased when. For unnecessary purpose government doing advertisements uselessly why should not do advertisement about its people welfare activities, definitely it will not do because if it come to now to people its fund would be accessed by them unless that money would be returned to government. For this purpose government maintain secrete plan when it makes people welfare policies .Common people are doing routine their work they don't have time to know about the government schemes, which are used and accessed by the government officers relatives and ministers relatives with the help of the bank managers.

### **MAINTENANCE OF FAMILY**

It is an universally accepted phenomena that family members would be directed and brought up in dreamed way by the parents when they rear up their children along with basic needs, in this aspects in fishermen families income no problems and food no problems, entire activities of the family members are marching in parent's planed ways because of their hard works that they put visibly in sea in front of their children's. Based on their father's hard works in deep sea for catch fish for their family survival makes their children and family members to go, grow and march in well disciplined and controlled ways. Parents would be respected when they fulfill their children's needs and children would be respected when they obey their parents, totally family is defending on their sincerity and hard works when fail both side in all family fight will come automatically.

### **CONCLUSION**

In future government and department of fisheries have to analyses the basic requirements of the fishing communities, on this basis government have to neatly allot certain progressive polices to lift fishermen families along with providing modern fishing tools and equipments on loan basis with subsidy facilities. Though they earn much money themselves government have to make them access its money as a symbol of the Indian citizens, without this symbol citizens are meant as citizens. Citizens are meant since they live in a particular country's territory, for this it has to sustain people on its own welfare polices with an aim to motivate them further develop people's income as it able add in national capital as well as family developments. From the side of coastal guard fishermen should be given safety measures and training when they go into sea, certain precaution measures must be providing to them by this department since fishermen are uneducated and scientifically poor. Often it has to patrol in sea for understand and know fishermen pathetic situations if they face any problems definitely coast guard and marine forces have to involve in rescue operations.

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