

Fish Production in Mine – A Success Story (Bansagar Colony, district Rewa, Madhya Pradesh)

Fish farmer Mr. Ansari, who is a science graduate, has started fish production in a mine situated at Bansagar Colony, district Rewa (M.P.) on an experimental basis. The total area of the mine is about 2.00 hectares and the area occupied by the water is 1.00 hectare. The water table of the mine remains 15-20 ft. during the month of July-August and due to higher seepage losses it goes down to 3-4 ft. during summer. Initially, he was producing 8-10 q/ha but after getting good seed, fertilisers and other inputs and guidance from the state department of agriculture, he is now able to produce 30-35 q/ha. After getting benefit from it, he also started duck rearing, poultry farming, due to which his income as well as production of fish increased considerably.

For getting higher prices as well as maximum customer satisfaction, he constructed two cement tanks of size 20x70 sq. ft. each. After fishing from the pond, he uses them to keep the fish so that he will be able to provide customers with fresh fish whenever they come to buy. The farmer is maintaining a culture of Katla, Rohu, Mrigla and Magur.

For performing the above activities, the farmer has taken a loan of Rs. 0.80 lakh from the bank and got a subsidy of Rs. 0.20 lakh under the scheme and guidance of the state department of agriculture. The farmer has repaid

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