DECREASING TREND IN PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN FISH MARKETING IN PATNA (BIHAR)

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Introduction:

- Fish retailing has been mainly women’s domain all over the country, both in the inland and marine sector.
  - Generally the women were/are taking the responsibility of selling – purchasing of fish, along with taking care of family.
  - In Bihar, The system of fish retailing is under both hands i.e. men and women.
Fish Marketing System (Patna)

- **Fish producer** (Male)
  - **Processor** (male & female)
  - **Whole seller** (Male)
  - **Retailers** (male & female)
  - **Export** (Male)
  - **Household consumer**
  - **Institutional Consumer** (male & female)
  - **Retailers** (male & female)
  - **Whole seller** (Male)
  - **Fish producer** (Male)
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  - **Export** (Male)
Introduction: Patna

- Capital of Bihar (2\textsuperscript{nd} largest city of Eastern India)
- Population: 1,683,200 (Approx.)
- Demand of fish/day: 28000 metric Tonnes
- Whole sale market: Bazar Samiti, Musallahpur hat.
- Various places for fish seller but that is very small area in comparison with fish consumer.
Patna: Fish Available in market

- Whole fish
  - Live
  - In ice preserved
- Few marine fish
- Some crustaceans

Not available: cut n processed and packed fish
## Fish Market in Patna

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Study Sites: Fish Market (Remarked)

Ratio of women: men

1. Boring Road Chawk (9/11)

2. Hartali More (8/4)

3. Raza bazar Fish Market (2/8)
Study Sites: Road Side

Ratio of women: men

Ashiana More (4/10)

Hartali More (3/0)

Boring Road Chawk (1/5)

Bailey Road (2/5)
Results:

In 2 decades the % depletion of women in Fish Marketing system is as: (1994-2004 n 2004-2014)

No. of men and women retailer or seller

% of depletion in women retailer or seller
**Reason behind depletion**

- Lack of Security and Safety.
- Afraid of harassment
- Hygiene and sanitation
- Domestic work load
- Literacy
- Lack of Life skill….
- Lack of concept, knowledge and awareness
More reason:

• Culture fisheries constitute one-ninth (1/9th) of the total fish production in all over India.

• But in Bihar this share comes to about 20-24% only. The remaining % comes from the capture of wild stock of fish generated by nature in the rivers and other water bodies.

• That capture work is for limited time and done by limited person. Also their marketing are being carried out by those persons whose main profession is not fish farming but something else.

• Migration of traditional cultural work to other work..

About Patna, Fisherman (men) are living near around to city area with nuclear or small joint family and they are mostly busy in Fish retailing/ selling. Because of no other engagement.
Action Should be taken: as

- To ensure the fishery work for those who are fishermen by tradition and by birth.

- Emphasis should be laid more on culture fishing than on capture fishing.

- Strengthen the ‘extension service system and human resource development’ to improve the knowledge, skill, attitude and practice of women engaged in pisciculture.

- E-learning, and Hi-technological study program also needed for fishery community.

- No “Eat, Drink & Beat” program in home by man.
Recommendation

- Insure safety and security
- Care about hygiene and sanitation
- Skill development program
- Concept about women in fishery sector
- Proper education and awareness program
- Insure participation in seminar/conference and training program for women (come in couple)
Out come:

Need more hand

More income...

Women in retailing system

Full engagement of man
Not Like that....
Thanks..