

World Fisheries Day 21-11-2011

It is a free movement of capital for making profit by a few at the expense of the vast majority who do not have the basic needs, food, cloth, shelter, education and health. By hook or by crook a few rich people and multi-national companies (Mncs) are making profits. There is no question of justice. There is no question of morality. There is no question of protecting environment. Food Sovereignty of a nation and a community is at a risk. Food is controlled by the rich and Mncs. In the name of making profit, the Mncs introduce high yielding hybrid seeds, genetically engineered cultivation, pesticides, etc which make food poisonous. The traditional seeds and organic cultivation cannot compete with the modern cultivation. The industrialized and hi-tech cultivation by the Mncs displaced the vast majority small farmers and naturally nations and communities lost the food sovereignty.

The same situation has come to the fisheries and the small fisher people. A few industrialized fishers started controlling the situation. The vast majority of small fishers were displaced. Because of overfishing by the big ones, there was a depletion of fish resource all over the world. So the same Mncs went into industrialized aquaculture. Because of the use of pesticides and chemicals the fish too has become poisonous. Good fish is not available for the fisher people and fish consumers.

Small farmers, good food for all, fisher people and fish consumers of every nation should depend on their own production. Through organic food production through natural seeds, fish production by small fisher people, traditional aquaculture, riverine and lake fishing, each nation should become self sufficient. This is the campaign Fisher People should be involved during the World Fisheries Day. Small fishers and small farmers should work together for land reform and aquatic reform all over the World. The land should be owned by small farmers, water bodies should be owned by small fishers and forest should be owned by the tribals, and indigenous people. This is the ongoing struggle against Globalization, Mncs all over the World. The struggle continues till each community and nation becomes self-reliant for food.

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