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FOREWORD

The Reserve Bank of India has a long history of compiling and disseminating macro-economic time series on various sectors of the Indian economy. Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy is a flagship publication by the Reserve Bank containing the historical time series data on a wide range of financial and economic indicators. This publication is being brought out in various forms, viz., in hard copy print form, CD version, and on the Bank's website (www.rbi.org.in) as well as on Database on Indian Economy (DBIE): Reserve Bank's Data Warehouse site (<http://dbie.rbi.org.in>). This publication is also updated on near real time basis on the Reserve Bank's Data Warehouse since its release on September 15, 2009.

2. This publication is brought out for the first time from DBIE. I am happy to note that the real time updating of Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy has been well received by users across the globe as reflected from the substantial increase in number of visitors to the Reserve Bank's Data Warehouse over the years. I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to all our staff members who have contributed to updating various data series almost on real time basis.

3. With a sense of responsibility towards the environment, the coverage of data in the hard copy version has been restricted to latest time periods, while the longer historical data series have been provided in the CD-ROM released with the print copy.

4. I trust users will find this Handbook and the online dissemination useful. We will continue to strive for improving the coverage, content and timely dissemination of data and welcome your feedback.


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