

PREFACE

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2. The present volume for the year 2015-16, 18th in the series, contains 248 statistical tables. It covers time series statistics on a wide range of economic and financial indicators pertaining to national income aggregates, output, prices, money, banking, financial markets, public finances, foreign trade, balance of payments and select socio-economic indicators, which are released at various frequencies.

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