INTRODUCTION

This volume, the 59th edition of "Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in India", presents comprehensive data relating to Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) for the year 2003-04.

The tables included in the volume are grouped into different subject areas relating to banks, viz., (i) Offices, (ii) Business, (iii) Liabilities and Assets, (iv) Deposits, (v) Advances, (vi) Priority Sector Advances, (Vii) NPAs, (viii) Investments, (ix) Earnings and Expenses, (x) Employees and (xi) Miscellaneous activities. In all, this volume contains 66 tables, 11 graphs and 2 Maps.

To facilitate better interpretation of data, a section on `Explanatory Notes' has been included. It is hoped that the volume would be of immense use for researchers and all concerned in the field of banking, management, economics and statistics. The publication is also available in CD-ROM format with querying facilities.

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