

## **FOREWORD**

Reserve Bank of India has prepared this 'Manual on Financial and Banking Statistics' on the recommendation of the Steering Committee set up by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India. The objective of this reference manual is to provide a methodological framework for compilation of statistical indicators, encompassing various sectors, viz., monetary statistics, banking statistics, external sector statistics, fiscal sector statistics, etc., published by RBI. The manual is mainly devoted to the primary data compiled within the Bank following an integrated and uniform approach. This document is expected to facilitate better understanding of conceptual issues on measurement of statistical indicators on the subject.

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