FOREWORD

The publication, "Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in India", provides data on liabilities and assets, income and expenditure, non-performing assets of scheduled commercial banks. It also provides data on spatial distribution of offices, priority sector advances, and a few other parameters. Some of the other major categories of data included in this publication are (i) maturity structure of major items of assets and liabilities, (ii) weighted average interest rates on deposits and credit compiled based on Basic Statistical Returns I and II, (iii) sector-wise and industry-wise gross bank credit, (iv) monthly data on business of regional rural banks, urban co-operative banks, and (v) state-wise distribution of assets and liabilities of state co-operative banks, *etc.* The publication contains data both for individual banks and bank groups. The publication is also made available in CD-ROM format with query facilities to make it more user friendly.

This volume of the publication is the 63rd in the series. The first volume entitled "Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in India and Burma" covering data for the years 1939 and 1940 was published by the Reserve Bank of India in 1941.

The voluminous work relating to this publication has been undertaken in the Division of Banking Studies of the Department of Statistics and Information Management, Reserve Bank of India. The core team headed by Shri V. Bahuguna, Director, involved in the process of bringing out this publication comprised Dr. N. K. Unnikrishnan, Assistant Adviser, Shri Bhaskar Birajdar, Research Officer, Smt. Shobha Parab, Shri Ashwin Patel, Assistant Managers, and Smt. Priyanka Vanmali, Data Processing Assistant. The support of staff members Shri Satish Chaudhari, Smt. F. K. Kazi, Assistant Managers, Smt. Smita Misquitta, Tabulator Operator, and Smt. Lata Gharat, Sorter Operator is acknowledged.

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I am sure that, as in the past, the current volume would prove to be a valuable source of information on Indian banks.

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