

PREFACE

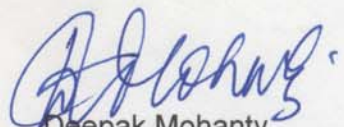
The Reserve Bank of India has been publishing studies on financial performance of the corporate sector for the past six decades. From time to time the data contained in these studies are consolidated and brought out as special publications. So far, the Bank has brought four such publications with the last one in September 2001 giving data for the period 1974-75 to 1999-2000.

In the present compendium, the fifth in series, an attempt has been made to cull out the data on company finances from the various periodical studies carried out up to the financial year 2008-09 and present them at one place in a DVD-ROM for ready reference. The DVD-ROM consists of two parts: the first part comprising five chapters, briefly describes the scope of the studies, the sources of data, the methodology and the concepts and definitions adopted for the studies; and the second part contains statistical statements.

The basic source of data is the balance sheet, the profit and loss account and other material contained in the annual accounts of the companies. We acknowledge with thanks the cooperation extended by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, the registrars of companies and the large number of individual companies for making available these accounts for our studies included in this DVD-ROM.

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