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This annual publication brought out by the Reserve Bank of India in terms of Section 36 (2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 is now available for the year 1998-99 (July-June). The Report containing five chapters is presented in bilingual form in Hindi and English.

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India was among the few emerging markets which were relatively unaffected by the Asian crisis mainly on account of appropriate macro-policies and prudent debt management. Nonetheless, the lessons of the Asian crisis should not be lost sight of. Against this background, the World Bank, the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) jointly organised a seminar on *External Debt Management: Issues, Lessons and Preventive Measures* for placing in a perspective the lessons of the recent crisis, and for generating an informed debate on the debt management capability of the Indian economy at Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Participants at the seminar belonged to the academic world, the World Bank, the Commonwealth Secretariat, financial institutions, corporate sector, the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India. The seminar deliberated on four broad themes (a) *Managing External Debt: Lessons from International Experience*, (b) *Issues in External Debt Management*, (c) *External Debt Management: A Corporate Perspective* and (d) *Debt Database Management Issues*.

Availability of the Publication

The papers and proceedings of the seminar, edited by Dr. A.Vasudevan, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India, have been brought out in the form of a book *External Debt Management: Issues, Lessons and Preventive Measures*. The book priced at Rs.250 (inland), is available for sale at the Sales Section, Division of Reports, Reviews and Publications, Department of Economic Analysis and Policy, Reserve Bank of India, Amar Building, Ground Floor, P.M. Road, Fort, Mumbai 400 001.

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Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy is an *ad hoc* publication brought out in December 1998 by the Department of Economic Analysis and Policy of the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai. This publication gives annual data on most of the major economic indicators from 1970-71 onwards, and data on monthly/quarterly basis in respect of the financial sector for recent years, essentially to facilitate short-term analysis. Wherever possible, data on such high frequency basis are provided from 1990-91 onwards. There are 135 tables arranged in two parts; part I containing annual series and part II monthly series. Data relate to national income, saving and investment, agriculture and industrial output, prices, money and banking, financial markets, government finances, foreign trade, balance of payments and exchange rates. Data are compiled from both within the Reserve Bank of India and from outside published sources.

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The publication is divided into three parts : (i) Summary Tables, (ii) Detailed Tables and (iii) Appendix. The summary tables give consolidated data in respect of selected items of liabilities and assets of banks and also their earnings and expenses. The detailed tables provide data on liabilities and assets, income and expenses of individual banks. The appendix furnishes a complete list of commercial banks and the number of offices in all States and Union Territories.

The publication also presents some useful information on : (i) Maturity classification of fixed

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