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The Report on Currency and Finance, 1998-99 is available for sale. This year's Report for the first time has been made thematic and research oriented. The Present Report focusses on one theme, namely, the Structural Transformation of the Indian Economy. The time frame of analysis of the structural transformation of the Indian Economy broadly relates to the 'eighties and the 'nineties with larger attention being paid to developments in more recent years.

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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.

The first chapter sets out in a nutshell the banking developments and policy perspectives and discusses some key issues relevant to the healthy development of the banking system. The subsequent four chapters contain detailed reviews of major trends and developments during the year in the fields of commercial banking, co-operative banking including activities of NABARD, other financial institutions (IDBI, UTI, DICGC, EXIM Bank and NHB) and Non-Banking Finance Companies.

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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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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 deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks, (ii) Ownership of deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks, (iii) Investments of Scheduled Commercial Banks, (iv) Advances to priority sectors, (v) Assets quality, capital adequacy ratio (vi) Deposits and credit of offices opened after nationalisation, (vii) State-wise details of Commercial Banks' deposits and credit, (viii) State-wise distribution of Commercial Banks' employees, etc.

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The Department of Statistical Analysis and Computer Services brings out regularly Banking Statistics-Quarterly Handout that presents data on commercial banks' deposits and credit by Regions, States, Districts, Population groups and individual bankgroups and also in respect of top 100 centres.

The publication for March quarter also includes data on deposits and credit of State and District Co-operative Banks.

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The Department of Statistical Analysis and Computer Services has brought out the detailed volume on Banking Statistics relating to March 1998. The Volume presents comprehensive data on number of offices, employees, deposits and credit of scheduled commercial banks collected through the Basic Statistical Returns from the bank offices, as on the last day of March 1998. The volume is divided into 5 sections. While Section 1 of the volume presents general information on commercial banking and also the summary data on deposits and credit at the all India and state level, Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 give detailed data classified according to various classificatory characteristics and also according to population group and bank group at the State / District level. A booklet on Summary Tables, that contain data on deposits and credit as set out in Section 1 of the main Volume at All India and State level along with the salient results of BSR survey has also been brought out.

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