FOREWORD

This annual publication, *Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in India*, provides a range of key information on banks. Disaggregated data are given bank-wise and bank group-wise on parameters such as liabilities and assets, income and expenditure, non-performing assets, financial ratios, distribution of offices, number of employees and details of advances to priority sector and weaker sections. It also provides bank group-wise monthly data on some of the major items such as liabilities to the banking system, assets with the banking system, investments, bank credit, and, sector-wise and industry-wise gross bank credit.

The publication of *Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in India* was taken over by Reserve Bank of India from the Government of India in 1941 and the first issue covering the two years 1939 and 1940 was published by the Bank in July 1941. Therefore, this is the 68th volume of the publication by the Reserve Bank and would be the 93rd volumes in the series including the volumes brought out by the then Department of Statistics, Government of India.

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I hope the current volume would prove to be a valuable source of information on banks in India and the publication will be of interest to researchers, analysts, policy makers and bankers.

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