

Foreword

This 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy, 2000', the third in the series, is the continuation of the efforts made by the Department of Economic Analysis & Policy of the Reserve Bank of India to make available long time series of data on major macroeconomic and financial variables to researchers, analysts and other users at a single place. This volume contains 213 tables and includes a new section on time series data with fortnightly, weekly, irregular and daily frequencies. The Handbook can be viewed as one of the several steps taken by the Reserve Bank for improving transparency through data dissemination.

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