

FOREWORD

The Reserve Bank of India has been publishing a study on "State Finances: A Study of Budgets" since 1950-51. With a view to improving dissemination of data on State finances and facilitate academic and policy research, the Reserve Bank brought out a new publication "Handbook of Statistics on State Government Finances" in 2004. This Handbook of Statistics on State Government Finances, which is second in the series, aims at updating the database on State finances further. The first part of the Handbook covers State-wise data from 1990-91 to 2009-10 (BE) on some major fiscal indicators. The second part covers State-wise detailed data from 2002-03 to 2009-10 (BE) on the transactions in the revenue and capital accounts. This Handbook, containing data on 28 States and 2 UTs, is being released in three versions, viz., printed, CD and web-based (www.rbi.org.in) version. The CD version incorporates intelligent search features and is more comprehensive than printed version covering data from 1980-81 onwards in the first part and State-wise detailed data from 1990-91 onwards in the second part. Each print version of the Handbook is accompanied by a copy of the CD version.

The State-wise data reported in the Handbook have been collated from various issues of the State Finance articles published by the Reserve Bank. The data reported in the State Finance articles have been, in turn, compiled from the budget documents of the State Governments. These data could, thus, differ from the audited data reported by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

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