

Preface

Core Statistics Department (CSD) is responsible for collection, validation and compilation of statistics on various banking and financial aspects of Pakistan economy. CSD makes all efforts to publish accurate and reliable statistics in timely manner. The publication “*Statistics on Scheduled Banks, Microfinance Banks and Development Finance Institutions in Pakistan*” is a reflection of one of such efforts. Considering the importance of high frequency data for assessment of state of banking and finance in Pakistan, the frequency of this publication has been increased from Half-Yearly to Quarterly effective from December 2022.

The publication is based, largely, on branch wise data collected from the Scheduled Banks, Microfinance Banks (MFBs), and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) operating in Pakistan. The data is collected on various dimensions of Scheduled Banks/MFBs/DFIs’ assets and liabilities i.e. deposits, advances, investments and bills purchased & discounted etc. This publication has significant importance as it provides statistics on multiple aspects of banking sector of Pakistan and is widely used by the analysts/researchers and academia working in various disciplines in Pakistan as well as abroad. Over the past few years, CSD has been continuously striving towards data quality improvement, enhancement of the coverage of the data in various dimensions, increase in frequency of data dissemination and reduction in lags involved in compilation/dissemination of various datasets by SBP.

The deposits and advances are classified in accordance with International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev. 4.0) developed by United Nations. ISIC Rev. 4.0 facilitates in classifying the data according to economic activities and provides basis for data comparison across countries. Deposits and advances are further bifurcated into foreign and domestic constituents, whereas domestic constituents are stratified into Government, Non-Financial Public Sector Enterprises (NFPSEs), Non-Bank Financial Companies (NBFCs), Private Sector (Business), Trust Funds & Non-Profit Institutions (NPIs), Personal and Others. Advances and investments have been classified by maturity. Statistics on profit and Loss (P/L) accounts of all Scheduled Banks, MFBs and DFIs have also been shared in this publication. With publication of the P/L accounts in this issue, we will now be discontinuing “Banking Statistics of Pakistan” (BSP) as other than P/L section, all data of BSP is now regularly published in Monthly Statistical Bulletin of SBP available at:

https://www.sbp.org.pk/reports/stat_reviews/Bulletin/index.htm .

We appreciate the efforts of the compilation team for preparation of this valuable publication and of the reviewer for ensuring quality statistics dissemination.

Comments and suggestions for further improvement in this publication are welcome (Email: feedback.statistics@sbp.org.pk).

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