

# Preface to Third Edition

*I am grateful to Taxmann for bringing out previous two editions of the Workbook for statutory branch auditors timely. Now, it gives me immense happiness to present the Third revised edition of 'Practical Workbook for Bank Statutory Branch Auditors'.*

In last one year, RBI has come out with several important announcements relevant for statutory branch auditing. ICAI has also revised several Standards on Auditing (SAs) and made new pronouncements relevant for bank auditors. Based on such changes and feedback received from the users of the workbook, I have revised this edition thoroughly. In this edition, chapters 'Audit of Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning (IRACP)' and 'Audit of Restructuring of Advances' have been thoroughly revised. Two new chapters, 'Audit of Advances' suggesting loan scheme-specific audit considerations and 'Credit Monitoring' with reference to RBI's extant frameworks, have been added.

Of course, I have been able to use several contents of my another book 'Bank Concurrent Audit Procedures Manual'. However, to confine myself with statutory branch auditing, procedures on auditing of operations have been skipped. As, it is a work programme-cum-audit note book, I have made all possible efforts to make the workbook a one stop reference for branch auditors and to keep the contents complete and current. Yet, human errors/omissions are quite natural and I am confident readers are kind enough to ignore. As it is a live document, auditors are suggested to refer extant updates, if any, while auditing.

All constructive feedback/comments from the users are most welcome and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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