

## PREFACE

Public expenditure in India has certain notable trends. Revenue expenditure in India has been growing rapidly particularly in the plan period. In 2011-12, revenue account expenditure constituted 87.6 per cent of aggregate expenditure.

This dissertation contains six chapters that provide basic and fundamental information of revenue expenditure of central government, theoretical introduction to public expenditure, review of literature about public expenditure, trend in revenue expenditure, trends in composition of revenue expenditure of government of India. It also contains various statistical tables covering overall growth of revenue expenditure, composition of total expenditure, expenditure as per cent of GDP, budgetary operations on revenue account, composition of revenue expenditure, major heads of developmental and non-developmental expenditure on revenue account. The data provided pertains to revenue expenditure of central government and can be readily accessed by researchers interested in revenue expenditure.

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