

Comparative Study of Financial Performance of Bank of Russia and Reserve Bank of India

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Abstract

This paper had set its objective to find out which of the two central banks, Bank of Russia and Reserve Bank of India, is the bigger banker, that is, whose economic activities are larger, and more efficient performer. The research has produced some interesting findings. While in absolute terms the balance sheet size, income size, net profit size and size of currency in circulation, and therefore the size of economic activities of the central bank, of Bank of Russia are smaller than Reserve Bank of India, in terms of per capita measure its economic activities are much larger. Also its gold and bullion holding is far higher in both absolute as well as per capita terms. However the cost economies and performance efficiency of Reserve Bank of India are much superior. Also there is sizeable stress on the quality of assets of Bank of Russia as acknowledged by the bank itself. In the process of this research the readers have also got hopefully insights in to the financial terminology, accounting policies, financial practices and operations of the two banks as per their country specific regulations and requirements. It is hoped that those who are interested in the Russian and Indian central banks' activities will find this paper as a reference for further research.

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