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- ❖ **10.81 million Wireless Subscribers added in December 2008.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 5.45 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 33.23% mark.**

New Delhi, 21st January 2009:- Total 10.66 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during December 2008 as compared to 10.18 million connections added in November 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 384.79 million at the end of December 2008 as compared to 374.13 million in November 2008. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 33.23% at the end of December 2008 as against 32.34% in November 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 346.89 million at the end of December 2008. A total of 10.81 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of December 2008 as against 10.35 million wireless subscribers added during the month of November 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has decreased to 37.90 million in the month of December 2008 as against 38.05 million subscribers in November 2008 registering a drop of 0.15 million. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

Comparison table of subscriber base during corresponding periods of 2007 and 2008 is shown below:

						(Subscribers in Million)				
2007						2008				
	As on 1.1.07	As on 30.11.07	As on 31.12.07	% Growth during 1.1.07- 31.12.07	Monthly Addition In Dec'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 30.11.08*	As on 31.12.08 *	% Growth during 1.1.08- 31.12.08	Monthly Addition in Dec'08
Wireless	149.62	225.46	233.63	56.14	8.17	233.63	336.08	346.89	48.47	10.81
Wireline	40.30	39.31	39.25	-2.60	-0.06	39.25	38.05	37.90	-3.43	-0.15
Total	189.92	264.77	272.88	43.68	8.11	272.88	374.13	384.79	41.01	10.66

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 5.45 million by the end of December 2008 as compared to 5.28 million by the end of November 2008.

Comparison table of broadband subscriber's growth during corresponding periods of 2007 and 2008 is shown below:

					(Subscribers in Million)				
2007					2008				
As on 1.1.07	As on 30.11.07	As on 31.12.07	% Growth during 1.1.07- 31.12.07	Monthly Addition In Dec'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 30.11.08*	As on 31.12.08*	% Growth during 1.1.08- 31.12.08	Monthly Addition in Dec' 08
2.10	2.87	3.13	49.04	0.26	3.13	5.28	5.45	74.12	0.17

* The data is tentative.

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)

Annexure -I

Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,430,016	3,540,403	-	-	-	-	4,460,438	4,601,996	8,094,328	8,320,748	4,849,996	4,972,297
3	Assam	45,486	66,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,241,186	1,306,812	1,275,448	1,344,115
4	Bihar	76,349	176,564	-	-	-	-	149,037	269,229	6,419,357	6,656,835	5,082,999	5,254,961
5	Chennai	1,472,340	1,488,267	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,011,299	2,051,435	1,328,082	1,355,642
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,741,037	3,829,049	-	-	-	-	2,260,535	2,283,197	4,418,296	4,472,773	3,014,375	3,131,692
8	Gujarat	7,241,167	7,417,556	-	-	-	-	3,440,622	3,600,620	3,690,661	3,811,098	2,967,570	3,036,236
9	H.P.	-	10,202	-	-	-	-	121,731	125,039	887,594	921,798	903,765	940,487
10	Haryana	1,878,339	1,970,035	-	-	-	-	1,382,542	1,442,752	1,170,378	1,199,001	1,216,809	1,242,541
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,391,606	1,442,521	1,009	733
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,333,207	3,405,703	1,450,307	1,464,611	-	-	-	-	8,995,538	9,223,183	3,272,384	3,375,213
14	Kerala	2,704,412	2,804,689	-	-	-	-	3,808,041	3,944,703	2,013,424	2,053,643	2,507,010	2,551,462
15	Kolkata	2,481,872	2,517,258	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,178,061	2,298,467	2,411,235	2,468,121
16	M.P.	30,213	85,229	-	-	-	-	4,270,432	4,379,677	4,040,871	4,214,828	5,381,755	5,625,333
17	Maharashtra	3,833,719	4,016,156	-	-	-	-	6,534,905	6,789,146	5,205,561	5,400,924	3,567,606	3,610,379
18	Mumbai	4,115,671	4,193,726	-	-	1,882,324	1,947,667	241,569	325,190	2,718,885	2,736,098	3,416,130	3,510,855
19	North East-I	29,814	47,117	-	-	-	-	-	-	766,763	817,419	432,230	452,220
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	137,445	181,818	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,496,123	2,624,480	1,873,623	1,935,550
22	Punjab	1,944,733	2,010,086	2,255,587	2,337,316	-	-	-	-	3,554,406	3,653,315	1,252,812	1,274,706
23	Rajasthan	4,343,407	4,543,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,032,480	6,193,807	2,242,402	2,314,154
24	T.N.	4,509,341	4,672,954	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,392,458	5,617,492	3,229,313	3,293,398
25	U.P.(E)	5,589,567	5,849,902	-	-	-	-	1,526,147	1,644,053	5,124,948	5,391,829	3,819,149	3,961,468
26	U.P.(W)	3,825,035	3,955,136	-	-	-	-	3,513,015	3,644,467	2,071,723	2,105,439	2,886,145	2,977,737
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	4,000,994	4,151,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,004,647	3,136,788	2,637,947	2,715,833
	Total	58,764,164	60,933,152	3,705,894	3,801,927	1,882,324	1,947,667	32,809,720	34,210,918	82,920,593	85,650,733	59,569,794	61,345,133

Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Shyam Teletelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,190	73,111	72,190	73,111
-	-	-	-	2,965,585	3,011,890	-	-	-	-	3,002,657	3,063,340	26,803,020	27,510,674
-	-	-	-	7,088	18,016	1,588,847	1,573,902	-	-	940,883	915,404	5,098,938	5,224,949
-	-	-	-	1,420,973	1,488,223	1,162,312	1,246,046	-	-	1,691,983	1,793,518	16,003,010	16,885,376
-	-	-	-	427,023	430,924	2,254,503	2,341,626	-	-	1,040,143	1,045,978	8,533,390	8,713,872
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	856,249	861,733	856,249	861,733
-	-	-	-	4,178,762	4,288,994	-	-	1,917,327	1,966,661	-	-	19,530,332	19,972,366
-	-	-	-	1,221,069	1,259,456	-	-	-	-	2,540,610	2,548,113	21,101,699	21,673,079
-	-	-	-	127,825	129,230	107,864	116,588	-	-	730,064	776,156	2,878,843	3,019,500
-	-	-	-	1,160,711	1,197,600	-	-	-	-	1,414,492	1,447,638	8,223,271	8,499,567
-	-	-	-	22	6,854	540,595	579,350	-	-	940,713	937,410	2,873,945	2,966,868
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	743,346	756,636	743,346	756,636
-	-	-	-	1,288,323	1,313,649	-	-	-	-	2,257,565	2,360,132	20,597,324	21,142,491
-	-	-	-	737,339	742,624	-	-	-	-	2,901,694	2,935,972	14,671,920	15,033,093
-	-	-	-	1,442,304	1,459,713	368,300	397,169	-	-	1,220,631	1,247,816	10,102,403	10,388,544
-	-	-	-	1,093,650	1,132,228	-	-	-	-	1,961,507	2,003,548	16,778,428	17,440,843
-	-	-	-	3,882,904	3,998,947	-	-	-	-	3,637,791	3,667,721	26,662,486	27,483,273
-	-	-	-	2,133,620	2,147,142	-	-	2,183,921	2,221,556	-	-	16,692,120	17,082,234
-	-	-	-	6	1,140	880,062	899,823	-	-	316,626	321,636	2,425,501	2,539,355
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	335,902	345,087	335,902	345,087
-	-	-	-	591,826	606,168	741,495	769,884	-	-	1,373,408	1,403,497	7,213,920	7,521,397
378,289	382,389	-	-	1,210,638	1,246,112	-	-	-	-	2,354,671	2,425,612	12,951,136	13,329,536
-	-	273,478	365,729	2,321,080	2,386,848	-	-	-	-	2,764,857	2,880,656	19,078,410	19,845,576
-	-	-	-	705,291	708,213	6,771,044	7,169,167	-	-	2,999,891	3,038,326	23,607,338	24,499,550
-	-	-	-	1,350,859	1,382,746	-	-	-	-	5,087,979	5,262,522	22,498,649	23,492,520
-	-	-	-	1,889,796	1,936,159	-	-	-	-	1,670,517	1,673,629	15,856,231	16,292,567
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	727,497	745,131	727,497	745,131
-	-	-	-	859,934	871,121	960,236	982,254	-	-	1,695,201	1,697,815	13,158,959	13,554,880
378,289	382,389	273,478	365,729	31,016,628	31,763,997	15,375,258	16,075,809	4,101,248	4,188,217	45,279,067	46,228,137	336,076,457	346,893,808

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure -II

Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08	Nov'08	Dec'08
1	Andaman Nicobar													20,072	19,663	20,072	19,663
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	89,424	91,224	83,530	84,494					130,837	131,542			2,260,876	2,241,375	2,564,667	2,548,635
3	Assam													364,339	358,915	364,339	358,915
4	BIHAR					2,132	2,153			5,138	5,274			964,632	963,817	971,902	971,244
5	CHENNAI	275,454	275,764	78,509	80,602					27,940	28,429			1,001,373	1,001,940	1,383,276	1,386,735
6	Chhatisgarh	60,649	60,654											234,621	232,008	295,270	292,662
7	DELHI - NCR	785,240	791,740	133,120	136,767					26,526	26,918	1,519,620	1,519,648			2,464,506	2,475,073
8	GUJARAT	31,628	33,000	105,173	105,926					40,877	41,290			1,965,196	1,947,609	2,142,874	2,127,825
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,931	3,938					480	540			382,185	379,393	386,596	383,871
10	HARYANA	21,225	21,257	9,549	9,562					4,379	4,487			848,328	833,005	883,481	868,311
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									245,857	243,919	245,858	243,920
12	Jharkhand													421,199	416,168	421,199	416,168
13	KARNATAKA	406,117	409,217	97,745	98,583					94,188	93,715			2,189,527	2,177,500	2,787,577	2,779,015
14	KERALA	49,166	50,246	54,042	54,647					5,259	5,616			3,501,679	3,483,247	3,610,146	3,593,756
15	KOLKATA	54,256	55,983	79,964	81,942					15,695	16,067			1,368,646	1,366,617	1,518,561	1,520,609
16	MADHYA PRADESH	239,495	239,665	31,668	32,150					1,742	1,792			1,132,905	1,127,632	1,405,810	1,401,239
17	MAHARASHTRA	43,894	46,323	68,278	69,954					112,154	115,163			3,032,664	3,007,146	3,256,990	3,238,586
18	MUMBAI	231,676	240,136	151,116	154,050					368,790	377,546	2,024,337	2,014,163			2,775,909	2,785,895
19	North East-I													207,639	206,933	207,639	206,933
20	North East-II													125,113	125,743	125,113	125,743
21	ORISSA			4,571	4,581					2,116	2,390			699,609	681,370	706,296	688,341
22	PUNJAB	77,489	79,544	47,475	47,501	155,155	156,887			7,418	7,699			1,367,877	1,357,387	1,655,414	1,649,018
23	RAJASTHAN	30,373	30,850	19,339	19,690			146,267	141,966	1,134	1,241			1,483,798	1,475,031	1,680,911	1,668,778
24	TAMIL NADU	136,732	137,037	34,414	35,389					3,224	3,574			2,141,415	2,123,074	2,315,785	2,299,074
25	UP (EAST)	33,409	34,477	36,504	36,549					4,733	4,975			1,440,666	1,440,623	1,515,312	1,516,624
26	UP (WEST)	22,335	22,345	9,459	9,735					2,561	2,611			940,047	940,317	974,402	975,008
27	Uttaranchal													303,181	302,339	303,181	302,339
28	WEST BENGAL			5,996	6,004					442	482			1,060,052	1,047,689	1,066,490	1,054,175
	Operator-wise Total	2,588,562	2,619,462	1,056,516	1,074,218	155,155	156,887	146,267	141,966	855,623	871,351	3,543,957	3,533,811	29,703,496	29,500,460	36,049,576	37,896,155