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- ❖ **10.35 million Wireless Subscribers added in November 2008.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 5.28 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 32.34% mark.**

New Delhi, 29th December 2008:- Total 10.18 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during November 2008 as compared to 10.29 million connections added in October 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 374.13 million at the end of November 2008 as compared to 363.95 million in October 2008. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 32.34% at the end of November 2008 as against 31.50% in October 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 336.08 million at the end of November 2008. A total of 10.35 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of November 2008 as against 10.42 million wireless subscribers added during the month of October 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has decreased to 38.05 million in the month of November 2008 as against 38.22 million subscribers in October 2008 registering a drop of 0.17 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 31.10.07	As on 30.11.07	% Growth during 1.1.07-30.11.07	Monthly Addition In Nov'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.10.08*	As on 30.11.08*	% Growth during 1.1.08-30.11.08	Monthly Addition in Nov'08
Wireless	149.62	217.14	225.46	50.68	8.32	233.63	325.73	336.08	43.85	10.35
Wireline	40.30	39.41	39.31	-2.45	-0.1	39.25	38.22	38.05	-3.05	-0.17
Total	189.92	256.55	264.77	39.41	8.22	272.88	363.95	374.13	37.10	10.18

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 5.28 million by the end of November 2008 as compared to 5.05 million by the end of October 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 31.10.07	As on 30.11.07	% Growth during 1.1.07-30.11.07	Monthly Addition In Nov'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.10.08*	As on 30.11.08*	% Growth during 1.1.08-30.11.08	Monthly Addition in Nov'08
2.10	2.69	2.87	36.66	0.18	3.13	5.05	5.28	68.69	0.23

* 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	
		Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,327,127	3,430,016	-	-	-	-	4,325,204	4,460,438	7,792,532	8,094,328	4,723,804	4,849,996
3	Assam	29,582	45,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200,973	1,241,186	1,235,555	1,275,448
4	Bihar	26,167	76,349	-	-	-	-	73,987	149,037	6,067,918	6,419,357	4,911,202	5,082,999
5	Chennai	1,460,318	1,472,340	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,008,120	2,011,299	1,294,165	1,328,082
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,658,207	3,741,037	-	-	-	-	2,216,027	2,260,535	4,316,881	4,418,296	2,924,580	3,014,375
8	Gujarat	7,075,699	7,241,167	-	-	-	-	3,327,261	3,440,622	3,658,586	3,690,661	2,881,495	2,967,570
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	117,253	121,731	873,008	887,594	870,653	903,765
10	Haryana	1,777,336	1,878,339	-	-	-	-	1,341,146	1,382,542	1,149,123	1,170,378	1,183,046	1,216,809
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,290,508	1,391,606	985	1,009
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,282,229	3,333,207	1,432,174	1,450,307	-	-	-	-	8,723,451	8,995,538	3,175,637	3,272,384
14	Kerala	2,608,827	2,704,412	-	-	-	-	3,712,887	3,808,041	1,973,623	2,013,424	2,450,072	2,507,010
15	Kolkata	2,401,817	2,481,872	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,124,900	2,178,061	2,339,794	2,411,235
16	M.P.	5,013	30,213	-	-	-	-	4,137,200	4,270,432	3,865,751	4,040,871	5,197,523	5,381,755
17	Maharashtra	3,669,732	3,833,719	-	-	-	-	6,260,690	6,534,905	5,005,928	5,205,561	3,488,361	3,567,606
18	Mumbai	4,043,117	4,115,671	-	-	1,807,902	1,882,324	178,378	241,569	2,700,265	2,718,885	3,348,331	3,416,130
19	North East-I	15,534	29,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	737,682	766,763	425,426	432,230
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	96,060	137,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,401,605	2,496,123	1,813,374	1,873,623
22	Punjab	1,885,675	1,944,733	2,204,955	2,255,587	-	-	-	-	3,449,670	3,554,406	1,214,579	1,252,812
23	Rajasthan	4,153,320	4,343,407	-	-	-	-	1,062,526	1,100,706	5,752,815	6,032,480	2,172,127	2,242,402
24	T.N.	4,374,080	4,509,341	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,192,714	5,392,458	3,155,495	3,229,313
25	U.P.(E)	5,278,656	5,589,567	-	-	-	-	1,457,570	1,526,147	4,988,629	5,124,948	3,655,620	3,819,149
26	U.P.(W)	3,684,224	3,825,035	-	-	-	-	3,372,808	3,513,015	2,039,251	2,071,723	2,790,356	2,886,145
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	3,850,786	4,000,994	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,885,814	3,004,647	2,552,276	2,637,947
	Total	56,703,506	58,764,164	3,637,129	3,705,894	1,807,902	1,882,324	31,582,937	32,809,720	80,199,747	82,920,593	57,804,456	59,569,794

Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,951	72,190	69,951	72,190
-	-	-	-	2,875,709	2,965,585	-	-	-	-	2,911,596	3,002,657	25,955,972	26,803,020
-	-	-	-	7	7,088	1,490,276	1,588,847	-	-	974,469	940,883	4,930,862	5,098,938
-	-	-	-	1,359,939	1,420,973	1,121,994	1,162,312	-	-	1,611,716	1,691,983	15,172,923	16,003,010
-	-	-	-	-	427,023	2,215,450	2,254,503	-	-	1,038,383	1,040,143	8,016,436	8,533,390
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	832,965	856,249	832,965	856,249
-	-	-	-	4,080,784	4,178,762	-	-	1,874,335	1,917,327	-	-	19,070,814	19,530,332
-	-	-	-	1,194,063	1,221,069	-	-	-	-	2,486,902	2,540,610	20,624,006	21,101,699
-	-	-	-	126,729	127,825	98,875	107,864	-	-	705,411	730,064	2,791,929	2,878,843
-	-	-	-	1,124,124	1,160,711	-	-	-	-	1,375,590	1,414,492	7,950,365	8,223,271
-	-	-	-	-	22	481,672	540,595	-	-	934,361	940,713	2,707,526	2,873,945
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	733,776	743,346	733,776	743,346
-	-	-	-	1,261,993	1,288,323	-	-	-	-	2,191,386	2,257,565	20,066,870	20,597,324
-	-	-	-	733,107	737,339	-	-	-	-	2,875,939	2,901,694	14,354,455	14,671,920
-	-	-	-	1,407,714	1,442,304	310,829	368,300	-	-	1,174,866	1,220,631	9,759,920	10,102,403
-	-	-	-	1,048,910	1,093,650	-	-	-	-	1,910,094	1,961,507	16,164,491	16,778,428
-	-	-	-	3,734,838	3,882,904	-	-	-	-	3,670,660	3,637,791	25,830,209	26,662,486
-	-	-	-	2,108,137	2,133,620	-	-	2,149,554	2,183,921	-	-	16,335,684	16,692,120
-	-	-	-	-	6	834,468	880,062	-	-	306,111	316,626	2,319,221	2,425,501
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	327,755	335,902	327,755	335,902
-	-	-	-	575,568	591,826	697,094	741,495	-	-	1,344,280	1,373,408	6,927,981	7,213,920
374,334	378,289	-	-	1,172,002	1,210,638	-	-	-	-	2,329,078	2,354,671	12,630,293	12,951,136
-	-	194,434	273,478	2,267,485	2,321,080	-	-	-	-	2,741,908	2,764,857	18,344,615	19,078,410
-	-	-	-	1,124,393	705,291	6,491,244	6,771,044	-	-	2,959,517	2,999,891	23,297,443	23,607,338
-	-	-	-	1,308,444	1,350,859	-	-	-	-	5,034,247	5,087,979	21,723,166	22,498,649
-	-	-	-	1,823,625	1,889,796	-	-	-	-	1,667,155	1,670,517	15,377,419	15,856,231
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	711,259	727,497	711,259	727,497
-	-	-	-	835,274	859,934	917,396	960,236	-	-	1,658,755	1,695,201	12,700,301	13,158,959
374,334	378,289	194,434	273,478	30,162,845	31,016,628	14,659,298	15,375,258	4,023,889	4,101,248	44,578,130	45,279,067	325,728,607	336,076,457

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure -II

Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08	Oct'08	Nov'08
		1	Andaman Nicobar												20,994	20,072	20,994
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	86,574	89,424	81,743	83,530					129,353	130,837			2,284,272	2,260,876	2,581,942	2,564,667
3	Assam													368,963	364,339	368,963	364,339
4	BIHAR					2,092	2,132			5,032	5,138			965,588	964,632	972,712	971,902
5	CHENNAI	275,149	275,454	76,355	78,509									1,001,130	1,001,373	1,352,634	1,383,276
6	Chhatisgarh	60,639	60,649											236,511	234,621	297,150	295,270
7	DELHI - NCR	774,540	785,240	131,018	133,120					25,994	26,526	1,520,675	1,519,620			2,452,227	2,464,506
8	GUJARAT	30,883	31,628	104,047	105,173					40,213	40,877			1,982,067	1,965,196	2,157,210	2,142,874
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH					3,911	3,931			450	480			386,311	382,185	390,672	386,596
10	HARYANA	21,197	21,225	9,529	9,549					3,948	4,379			857,390	848,328	892,064	883,481
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									246,505	245,857	246,506	245,858
12	Jharkhand													422,103	421,199	422,103	421,199
13	KARNATAK A	401,117	406,117	96,677	97,745					92,389	94,188			2,205,997	2,189,527	2,796,180	2,787,577
14	KERALA	48,051	49,166	52,850	54,042					5,078	5,259			3,522,628	3,501,679	3,628,607	3,610,146
15	KOLKATA	52,533	54,256	78,496	79,964					14,990	15,695			1,371,180	1,368,646	1,517,199	1,518,561
16	MADHYA PRADESH	239,325	239,495	31,171	31,668					1,598	1,742			1,149,859	1,132,905	1,421,953	1,405,810
17	MAHARASH TRA	42,139	43,894	66,060	68,278					108,652	112,154			3,067,664	3,032,664	3,284,515	3,256,990
18	MUMBAI	221,354	231,676	148,783	151,116					362,522	368,780	2,038,417	2,024,337			2,771,076	2,775,909
19	North East-I													208,370	207,639	208,370	207,639
20	North East-II													124,616	125,113	124,616	125,113
21	ORISSA			4,554	4,571					1,874	2,116			718,433	699,609	724,861	706,296
22	PUNJAB	75,417	77,489	47,290	47,475	153,168	155,155			6,764	7,418			1,377,888	1,367,877	1,660,627	1,655,414
23	RAJASTHAN	29,130	30,373	19,231	19,339					148,804	146,267			1,496,631	1,483,798	1,694,762	1,680,911
24	TAMIL NADU	136,422	136,732	33,720	34,414					29,790	3,224			2,162,113	2,141,415	2,362,045	2,315,785
25	UP (EAST)	32,248	33,409	36,072	36,504					4,375	4,733			1,439,943	1,440,666	1,512,638	1,515,312
26	UP (WEST)	22,325	22,335	9,290	9,459					2,457	2,561			940,619	940,047	974,691	974,402
27	Uttaranchal													305,309	303,181	305,309	303,181
28	WEST BENGAL			5,969	5,996					374	442			1,070,596	1,060,052	1,076,939	1,066,490
	Operator-wise Total	2,549,043	2,588,562	1,038,859	1,056,516	153,168	155,155	148,804	146,267	836,819	855,623	3,559,092	3,543,957	29,933,780	29,703,496	38,219,565	38,049,576