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**Telecom Subscribers Continue the Growth Trend during Jan. 2005.**

**Total Mobile Subscriber base touches about 5 crores.**

The subscriber base for telephony services continued to maintain its growth during Jan.2005 also with around 2.16 million subscribers being added. Thus, a total of 18.74 millions subscribers have been added during the first 10 months of financial year 2004-2005.

**Mobile Service :**

For mobile segment 1.77 million subscribers have been added during January 2005. The mobile additions consist of 1.27 million GSM subscribers and 0.50 million CDMA subscribers as against 1.42 million GSM and 0.53 million CDMA subscribers in the previous month. During first 10 months of the financial year 2004-05 about 16.17 million mobile subscribers have been added. The total mobile subscribers at the end of January 2005 are around 5 crores.

**Mobile Tarrif :**

A comparison of tariff plans for mobile service of SAARC Countries revealed that the mobile tariffs in India are lowest as compared to other countries as shown in the table below:

	Countries	Per Minute Cellular Tariffs (in US Cents)
1.	<b>India</b>	<b>3-4</b>
2.	Bangladesh	6.5
3.	Nepal	6.5
4.	Pakistan	8.4
5.	Sri Lanka	11.0
6.	Bhutan	11.4
7.	Maldives	14.4

With the implementation of the new ADC regime from February 2005, the subscriber growth is likely to receive a boost due to the further decline in tariffs as most of the mobile operators have announced reduction in tariffs.

### **Fixed subscribers**

In the fixed segment a total of 0.39 million subscribers were added during January 2005. With this the total subscriber base of fixed lines have crossed 45 million.

### **Teledensity:**

The gross subscriber base consisting of fixed as well as mobile has become 94.92 million at the end of January 2005. The teledensity at the end of January 2005 has reached 8.80 compared to 8.62 at the end of previous month.

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