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- ❖ **Subscribers Base crosses 400 million mark.**
- ❖ **15.41 million Wireless Subscribers added in January 2009.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 5.65 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 34.50% mark.**

New Delhi, 20th February 2009:- Total 15.26 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during January 2009 as compared to 10.66 million connections added in December 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 400.05 million at the end of January 2009 as compared to 384.79 million in December 2008. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 34.50% at the end of January 2009 as against 33.23% in December 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 362.30 million at the end of January 2009. A total of 15.41 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of January 2009 as against 10.81 million wireless subscribers added during the month of December 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has decreased to 37.75 million in the month of January 2009 as against 37.90 million subscribers in December 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, 2008 & 2009 is shown below:

(Subscribers in Million)

	As on 1.1.07	As on 31.12.07	% Growth during 1.1.07- 31.12.07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.12.08*	% Growth during 1.1.08- 31.12.08	As on 31.01.09*	Monthly Addition in Jan'09
Wireless	149.62	233.63	56.14	233.63	346.89	48.47	362.30	15.41
Wireline	40.30	39.25	-2.60	39.25	37.90	-3.43	37.75	-0.15
Total	189.92	272.88	43.68	272.88	384.79	41.01	400.05	15.26

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 5.65 million by the end of January 2009 as compared to 5.45 million by the end of December 2008.

Comparison table of broadband subscriber's growth during corresponding periods of 2007, 2008 & 2009 is shown below:

(Subscribers in Million)

As on 1.1.07	As on 31.12.07	% Growth during 1.1.07- 31.12.07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.12.08*	% Growth during 1.1.08- 31.12.08	As on 31.01.09*	Monthly Addition in Jan'09
2.10	3.13	49.04	3.13	5.45	74.12	5.65	0.20

* 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	
		Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,540,403	3,665,593	-	-	-	-	4,601,996	4,802,225	8,320,748	8,593,204	4,972,297	5,059,634
3	Assam	66,700	90,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,306,812	1,352,549	1,344,115	1,404,188
4	Bihar	176,564	328,444	-	-	-	-	269,229	529,614	6,656,835	6,851,526	5,254,961	5,358,858
5	Chennai	1,488,267	1,508,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,051,435	2,088,404	1,355,642	1,361,904
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,829,049	3,919,598	-	-	-	-	2,283,197	2,307,332	4,472,773	4,573,196	3,131,692	3,195,400
8	Gujarat	7,417,556	7,603,362	-	-	-	-	3,600,620	3,701,102	3,811,098	3,931,331	3,036,236	3,861,447
9	H.P.	10,202	17,371	-	-	-	-	125,039	130,543	921,798	937,867	940,487	983,329
10	Haryana	1,970,035	2,082,198	-	-	-	-	1,442,752	1,484,509	1,199,001	1,238,027	1,242,541	1,275,151
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,442,521	1,517,626	733	717
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,405,703	3,482,124	1,464,611	1,572,915	-	-	-	-	9,223,183	9,601,066	3,375,213	4,020,847
14	Kerala	2,804,689	2,900,940	-	-	-	-	3,944,703	4,078,537	2,053,643	2,114,180	2,551,462	2,609,367
15	Kolkata	2,517,258	2,608,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,298,467	2,401,078	2,468,121	2,504,017
16	M.P.	85,229	175,337	-	-	-	-	4,379,677	4,629,874	4,214,828	4,330,838	5,625,333	5,800,150
17	Maharashtra	4,016,156	4,226,327	-	-	-	-	6,789,146	7,039,672	5,400,924	5,544,737	3,610,379	3,863,696
18	Mumbai	4,193,726	4,234,006	-	-	1,947,667	2,007,303	325,190	603,570	2,736,098	2,762,132	3,510,855	4,250,364
19	North East-I	47,117	73,205	-	-	-	-	-	-	817,419	842,913	452,220	467,055
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	181,818	233,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,624,480	2,711,377	1,935,550	1,969,362
22	Punjab	2,010,086	2,081,484	2,337,316	2,379,192	-	-	-	-	3,653,315	3,713,574	1,274,706	1,308,645
23	Rajasthan	4,543,533	4,738,670	-	-	-	-	1,160,849	1,200,582	6,193,807	6,409,936	2,314,154	2,974,818
24	T.N.	4,672,954	4,833,724	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,617,492	5,795,731	3,293,398	3,457,073
25	U.P.(E)	5,849,902	6,090,871	-	-	-	-	1,644,053	1,804,078	5,391,829	5,562,153	3,961,468	4,708,947
26	U.P.(W)	3,955,136	4,091,105	-	-	-	-	3,644,467	3,752,408	2,105,439	2,198,209	2,977,737	3,082,754
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	4,151,069	4,354,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,136,788	3,321,104	2,715,833	2,777,651
	Total	60,933,152	63,340,024	3,801,927	3,952,107	1,947,667	2,007,303	34,210,918	36,064,046	85,650,733	88,382,758	61,345,133	66,295,374

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Sistema Shyam		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,111	75,011	73,111	75,011
-	-	-	-	3,011,890	3,062,385	-	-	-	-	3,063,340	3,145,768	27,510,674	28,328,809
-	-	-	-	18,016	27,647	1,573,902	1,596,902	-	-	915,404	902,820	5,224,949	5,374,826
-	-	-	-	1,488,223	1,569,960	1,246,046	1,306,046	-	-	1,793,518	1,882,998	16,885,376	17,827,446
-	-	-	-	430,924	435,011	2,341,626	2,385,017	-	-	1,045,978	1,060,042	8,713,872	8,838,695
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	861,733	877,954	861,733	877,954
-	-	-	-	4,288,994	4,434,898	-	-	1,966,661	2,008,493	-	-	19,972,366	20,438,917
-	-	-	-	1,259,456	1,316,482	-	-	-	-	2,548,113	2,555,228	21,673,079	22,968,952
-	-	-	-	129,230	132,405	116,588	123,288	-	-	776,156	798,388	3,019,500	3,123,191
-	-	-	-	1,197,600	1,249,215	-	-	-	-	1,447,638	1,499,021	8,499,567	8,828,121
-	-	-	-	6,854	21,106	579,350	668,050	-	-	937,410	931,577	2,966,868	3,139,076
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	756,636	764,799	756,636	764,799
-	-	-	-	1,313,649	1,343,752	-	-	-	-	2,360,132	2,435,163	21,142,491	22,455,867
-	-	-	-	742,624	757,279	-	-	-	-	2,935,972	2,957,522	15,033,093	15,417,825
-	-	-	-	1,459,713	1,466,876	397,169	445,169	-	-	1,247,816	1,276,117	10,388,544	10,702,227
-	-	-	-	1,132,228	1,187,828	-	-	-	-	2,003,548	2,060,146	17,440,843	18,184,173
-	-	-	-	3,998,947	4,155,953	-	-	-	-	3,667,721	3,709,924	27,483,273	28,540,309
-	-	-	-	2,147,142	2,202,451	-	-	2,221,556	2,287,461	-	-	17,082,234	18,347,287
-	-	-	-	1,140	5,383	899,823	936,823	-	-	321,636	323,203	2,539,355	2,648,582
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	345,087	355,962	345,087	355,962
-	-	-	-	606,168	628,343	769,884	808,884	-	-	1,403,497	1,429,714	7,521,397	7,780,929
382,389	385,568	-	-	1,246,112	1,297,464	-	-	-	-	2,425,612	2,668,042	13,329,536	13,833,969
-	-	365,729	434,649	2,386,848	2,440,600	-	-	-	-	2,880,656	2,991,453	19,845,576	21,190,708
-	-	-	-	708,213	717,942	7,169,167	7,444,964	-	-	3,038,326	3,081,565	24,499,550	25,330,999
-	-	-	-	1,382,746	1,431,067	-	-	-	-	5,262,522	5,597,426	23,492,520	25,184,542
-	-	-	-	1,936,159	2,015,239	-	-	-	-	1,673,629	1,698,661	16,292,567	16,838,376
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	745,131	767,273	745,131	767,273
-	-	-	-	871,121	891,886	982,254	1,046,254	-	-	1,697,815	1,738,713	13,554,880	14,130,017
382,389	385,568	365,729	434,649	31,763,997	32,791,172	16,075,809	16,761,397	4,188,217	4,295,954	46,228,137	47,584,490	346,893,808	362,294,842

Wireline Subscriber Base																	
Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Sistema Shyam Teleservices Ltd		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09	Dec'08	Jan'09
1	Andaman Nicobar													19,663	19,643	19,663	19,643
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	91,224	95,724	84,494	85,224					131,542	131,306			2,241,375	2,220,939	2,548,635	2,533,193
3	Assam													358,915	354,433	358,915	354,433
4	BIHAR			2,153	2,188					5,274	5,416			963,817	962,382	971,244	969,986
5	CHENNAI	275,764	276,089	80,602	82,761					28,429	28,881			1,001,940	1,005,002	1,386,735	1,392,733
6	Chhatisgarh	60,654	60,664											232,008	230,129	292,662	290,793
7	DELHI - NCR	791,740	800,740	136,767	140,553					26,918	27,155	1,519,648	1,521,219			2,475,073	2,489,667
8	GUJARAT	33,000	34,351	105,926	106,615					41,290	42,187			1,947,609	1,932,591	2,127,825	2,115,744
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,938	3,527					540	540			379,393	376,585	383,871	380,652
10	HARYANA	21,257	21,289	9,562	9,416					4,487	4,937			833,005	823,647	868,311	859,289
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR													243,919	242,731	243,920	242,732
12	Jharkhand			1	1									416,168	416,489	416,168	416,489
13	KARNATAK A	409,217	412,717	98,583	99,524					93,715	94,776			2,177,500	2,166,514	2,779,015	2,773,531
14	KERALA	50,246	50,948	54,647	55,198					5,616	5,794			3,483,247	3,474,782	3,593,756	3,586,722
15	KOLKATA	55,983	57,415	81,942	83,992					16,067	16,302			1,366,617	1,363,987	1,520,609	1,521,696
16	MADHYA PRADESH	239,665	239,805	32,150	32,461					1,792	2,052			1,127,632	1,127,715	1,401,239	1,402,033
17	MAHARASH TRA	46,323	48,914	69,954	71,124					115,163	119,319			3,007,146	2,966,135	3,238,586	3,205,492
18	MUMBAI	240,136	251,136	154,050	157,047					377,546	386,835	2,014,163	2,002,125			2,785,895	2,797,143
19	North East-I													206,933	206,687	206,933	206,687
20	North East-II																
21	ORISSA			4,581	4,389					2,390	2,432			125,743	126,202	125,743	126,202
22	PUNJAB	79,544	81,857	47,501	47,537	156,887	158,162			7,699	7,974			681,370	637,930	688,341	644,751
23	RAJASTHAN													1,357,387	1,348,449	1,649,018	1,643,979
24	TAMIL NADU	30,850	31,862	19,690	20,027			141,966	138,747	1,241	1,415			1,475,031	1,466,788	1,668,778	1,658,839
25	UP (EAST)	137,037	137,337	35,389	36,169					3,574	3,616			2,123,074	2,101,308	2,299,074	2,278,430
26	UP (WEST)	34,477	35,615	36,549	36,580					4,975	5,230			1,440,623	1,440,296	1,516,624	1,517,721
27	Uttaranchal	22,345	22,355	9,735	10,207					2,611	2,786			940,317	940,266	975,008	975,614
28	WEST BENGAL			6,004	5,864					482	834			302,339	300,884	302,339	300,884
	Operator-wise Total	2,619,462	2,658,816	1,074,218	1,090,404	156,887	158,162	141,966	138,747	871,351	889,787	3,533,811	3,523,344	29,500,460	29,291,013	37,898,155	37,750,275