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- **6.48 million Wireless Subscribers added in December 2006.**
- **Yearly subscribers growth reaches new milestone.**
- **More than 65 million telephony subscribers added in 2006**

The wireless segment added 6.48 million subscribers during December 2006 as compared to 6.80 million in Nov. 2006. At the end of December 2006 total wireless (GSM, CDMA and WLL-F) subscribers were 149.50 million.

The wireline subscriber registered a negative growth of 0.08 million in December 2006 resulting in net addition of 6.40 million subscribers as compared to 6.75 million during December 2006. The wireline subscriber base reached 40.43 million at the end of December 2006.

The gross telephony subscribers in country reached 189.93 million at December 2006 as compared to 183.53 million in November 2006. The overall tele-density reached 17.16% in December 2006 as compared to 16.60 at the end of November 2006. The tele-density in December 2005 was 11.43 and thus there is steep growth of 50% in tele-density during the year 2006.

The net addition of wireless and fixed line subscribers in the first nine months of FY 2006-07 is 49.61 million, which is almost twice as compared to addition of 26.37 million in the corresponding period of FY 2005-06.

**(Subscribers in Millions)**

	2005			2006							
	March	Dec.	Additions During April-Nov.	March	March* 2006 (As per new policy)	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Additions During Nov.	Additions During Dec.	Additions During April-Dec.
Wireless	52.22#	75.94	23.72	90.14	98.78	136.22	143.02	149.50	6.80	6.48	50.72
Fixed	46.19	48.84	2.65	50.18	41.54	40.56	40.51	40.43	-0.05	-0.08	-1.11
Total	98.41	124.78	26.37	140.32	140.32	176.78	183.53	189.93	6.75	6.40	49.61

# Excluding WLL-F Subs.

\* WLL-F subs. Included in Wireless Subs. w.e.f. March 2006

**Subscriber Growth in 2006**

A comparison of annual additions of subscribers for the previous two years shows that total additions of subscribers during 2006 is almost twice the additions in the year 2005 and about thrice that of 2004. There

is an increase of almost 100% in teledensity in two years from 8.62 at the end of December 2004 to 17.16 at the end of December 2006.

### Subscribers in Millions

	Dec. 2003	Dec.2004	Dec.2005	Dec.2006
Wireless	28.44	48.01	75.94	149.50
Fixed	42.09	44.87	48.84	40.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.53</b>	<b>92.88</b>	<b>124.78</b>	<b>189.93</b>
Population (Million)	1061	1077	1092	1107
Teledensity (per 100 persons)	6.65	8.62	11.43	17.16
<b>Additions (calendar year)</b>	-	<b>22.35</b>	<b>31.90</b>	<b>65.15</b>

**Broadband (> 256 Kbps download) Growth:** Broadband connections have continued growth since beginning of 2006. At the end of December 2006 total Broadband connections in the country have reached 2.10 million having addition of 0.1 million during December 2006.

The additions during first nine months of current financial year is 0.75 million as compared to 0.72 millions during the corresponding period in the previous financial year. The total increase in Broadband subscribers from January to December 2006 is 1.20 million as compared to addition of 0.85 million during 2005.

(In millions)

	Dec. 2004	2005				2006					
		March	Sept.	Dec.	Add. During April-Dec.	Mar.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Add. During April – Dec.
<b>Broadband Connections</b>	0.05	0.18	0.61	0.90	0.72	1.35	1.82	1.92	2.00	2.10	0.75

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