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- ❖ **10.07 million Wireless Subscribers added in September 2008.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 4.90 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 30.64% mark.**

New Delhi, 24th October 2008:- Total 9.79 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during September 2008 as compared to 9.03 million connections added in August 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 353.66 million at the end of September 2008 as compared to 343.87 million in August 2008. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 30.64% at the end of September 2008 as against 29.83% in August 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 315.31 million at the end of September 2008. A total of 10.07 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of September 2008 as against 9.16 million wireless subscribers added during the month of August 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has decreased to 38.35 million in the month of September 2008 as against 38.63 million subscribers in August 2008 registering a drop of 0.30 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 31.8.07	As on 30.9.07	% growth during 1.1.07- 30.9.07	Monthly Addition In Sep'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.8.08*	As on 30.9.08*	% growth during 1.1.08- 30.9.08	Monthly Addition in Sep'08
Wireless	149.62	201.29	209.08	39.74	7.79	233.63	305.24	315.31	34.96	10.07
Wireline	40.30	39.73	39.58	-1.78	-0.15	39.25	38.63	38.35	-2.29	-0.28
Total	189.92	241.02	248.66	30.93	7.64	272.88	343.87	353.66	29.60	9.79

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 4.90 million by the end of September 2008 as compared to 4.73 million by the end of August 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 31.8.07	As on 30.9.07	% growth during 1.1.07- 30.9.07	Monthly Addition In Sep'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.8.08*	As on 30.9.08*	% growth during 1.1.08- 30.9.08	Monthly Addition in Sep' 08
2.10	2.56	2.67	27.14	0.11	3.13	4.73	4.90	56.54	0.17

* The data is tentative.

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)

Annexure -I

Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08
Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A.P.	3,145,792	3,227,062	-	-	-	-	4,100,232	4,204,317	7,262,952	7,479,863	4,455,273	4,584,335
Assam	-	7,140	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,080,547	1,140,772	1,140,288	1,199,449
Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,659,464	5,948,198	4,596,866	4,739,200
Chennai	1,387,472	1,427,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,942,678	1,979,657	1,236,087	1,265,148
Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delhi	3,524,675	3,602,249	-	-	-	-	2,136,725	2,188,695	4,180,387	4,254,967	2,790,423	2,879,284
Gujarat	6,796,260	6,920,502	-	-	-	-	3,129,151	3,220,278	3,398,069	3,548,362	2,744,891	2,799,004
H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,150	105,486	836,402	860,699	803,147	836,424
Haryana	1,594,903	1,666,946	-	-	-	-	1,225,141	1,284,598	1,097,323	1,125,625	1,087,261	1,141,050
J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,209,023	1,269,839	912	953
Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karnataka	3,179,638	3,249,809	1,410,634	1,425,597	-	-	-	-	8,246,921	8,480,596	2,962,028	3,074,085
Kerala	2,429,373	2,512,603	-	-	-	-	3,439,557	3,624,909	1,841,948	1,928,030	2,309,096	2,388,368
Kolkata	2,236,525	2,301,538	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,976,050	2,053,436	2,176,801	2,256,073
M.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,866,849	4,000,755	3,674,078	3,770,144	4,827,689	5,005,887
Maharashtra	3,376,329	3,521,585	-	-	-	-	5,822,964	6,001,494	4,663,850	4,785,790	3,329,508	3,410,565
Mumbai	3,880,003	3,960,444	-	-	1,517,394	1,663,904	17,138	100,211	2,553,647	2,615,124	3,177,978	3,263,650
North East-I	-	2,952	-	-	-	-	-	-	672,259	713,334	391,747	409,192
North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orissa	35,421	60,826	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,211,360	2,296,809	1,678,629	1,744,127
Punjab	1,805,789	1,843,891	2,152,496	2,174,147	-	-	-	-	3,341,888	3,404,396	1,197,205	1,217,658
Rajasthan	3,724,852	3,928,177	-	-	-	-	989,067	1,033,703	5,087,326	5,402,529	2,026,125	2,094,734
T.N.	4,000,319	4,180,859	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,777,949	4,960,958	2,985,501	3,067,950
U.P.(E)	4,709,075	5,012,687	-	-	-	-	1,348,240	1,388,464	4,634,856	4,842,069	3,386,025	3,534,037
U.P.(W)	3,437,666	3,548,261	-	-	-	-	3,103,241	3,227,253	1,855,657	1,897,038	2,590,636	2,676,857
Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W.B.	3,494,700	3,649,778	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,573,843	2,720,980	2,375,080	2,457,855
Total	52,758,792	54,624,809	3,563,130	3,599,744	1,517,394	1,663,904	29,278,455	30,380,163	74,778,477	77,479,215	54,289,196	56,045,885

Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,162	67,954	66,162	67,954
-	-	-	-	2,717,252	2,810,414	-	-	-	-	2,626,598	2,753,857	24,308,099	25,059,848
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,372,344	1,428,180	-	-	1,011,236	999,609	4,604,415	4,775,150
-	-	-	-	1,205,343	1,271,735	987,790	1,054,927	-	-	1,473,404	1,560,122	13,922,867	14,574,182
-	-	-	-	413,830	-	2,102,435	2,164,166	-	-	1,026,024	1,035,447	8,108,526	7,871,918
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	783,766	801,829	783,766	801,829
-	-	-	-	3,862,589	3,976,983	-	-	1,814,903	1,836,001	-	-	18,309,702	18,738,179
-	-	-	-	1,120,078	1,187,792	-	-	-	-	2,411,508	2,416,375	19,599,957	20,092,313
-	-	-	-	122,717	124,681	74,949	86,405	-	-	627,001	660,686	2,564,366	2,674,381
-	-	-	-	1,046,270	1,085,147	-	-	-	-	1,383,954	1,366,175	7,434,852	7,669,541
-	-	-	-	-	-	389,950	431,303	-	-	925,210	941,387	2,525,095	2,643,482
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	704,753	718,810	704,753	718,810
-	-	-	-	1,212,404	1,243,752	-	-	-	-	2,168,835	2,155,222	19,200,460	19,629,061
-	-	-	-	697,572	722,226	-	-	-	-	2,794,676	2,846,082	13,512,222	14,022,218
-	-	-	-	1,375,144	1,416,550	192,734	250,917	-	-	1,107,414	1,137,026	9,064,668	9,415,540
-	-	-	-	959,624	996,438	-	-	-	-	1,782,553	1,837,290	15,110,793	15,610,514
-	-	-	-	3,499,920	3,611,966	-	-	-	-	3,669,618	3,715,912	24,362,189	25,047,312
-	-	-	-	2,047,968	2,082,021	-	-	2,093,694	2,121,855	-	-	15,287,822	15,807,209
-	-	-	-	-	-	735,928	783,009	-	-	293,319	299,592	2,093,253	2,208,079
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	319,472	323,552	319,472	323,552
-	-	-	-	532,922	556,309	557,431	624,510	-	-	1,288,520	1,309,297	6,304,283	6,591,878
360,849	361,002	-	-	1,105,987	1,142,776	-	-	-	-	2,276,266	2,301,500	12,240,480	12,445,370
-	-	119,428	121,905	2,070,506	2,139,008	-	-	-	-	2,746,114	2,742,527	16,763,418	17,462,583
-	-	-	-	673,979	1,115,727	5,911,977	6,192,006	-	-	2,817,543	2,904,693	21,167,268	22,422,193
-	-	-	-	1,229,967	1,272,665	-	-	-	-	4,862,365	4,945,097	20,170,528	20,995,019
-	-	-	-	1,698,264	1,758,878	-	-	-	-	1,704,038	1,685,837	14,389,502	14,794,124
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700,236	710,867	700,236	710,867
-	-	-	-	783,088	820,523	801,195	862,820	-	-	1,600,607	1,626,839	11,628,513	12,138,795
360,849	361,002	119,428	121,905	28,375,424	29,335,591	13,126,733	13,878,243	3,908,597	3,957,856	43,171,192	43,863,584	305,247,667	315,311,901

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure -II

Sl. No	Circle	Reliance Communications															
		Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08	Aug'08	Sep'08
1	Andaman Nicobar													23,096	22,793	23,096	22,793
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	78,006	81,937	78,619	80,000					126,334	128,189			2,332,556	2,311,868	2,615,515	2,601,994
3	Assam													398,295	378,256	398,295	378,256
4	BIHAR			1,952	2,031					4,984	4,971			967,381	966,297	974,317	973,299
5	CHENNAI	274,507	274,827	73,426	74,545					25,685				995,850	1,000,085	1,369,468	1,349,457
6	Chhatisgarh	60,619	60,629											240,339	237,957	300,958	298,586
7	DELHI - NCR	755,029	764,040	125,472	129,274					25,528	25,680	1,548,130	1,526,201			2,454,159	2,445,195
8	GUJARAT	28,829	29,863	102,279	102,932					38,445	39,360			2,023,006	2,000,300	2,192,559	2,172,455
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,859	3,894					390	390			392,759	388,851	397,008	393,135
10	HARYANA	21,135	21,165	9,471	9,505					3,195	3,616			874,107	867,148	907,908	901,432
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									247,244	247,049	247,245	247,050
12	Jharkhand													425,513	422,741	425,513	422,741
13	KARNATAK A	392,705	396,617	94,535	95,654					89,179	91,482			2,231,771	2,215,340	2,808,190	2,799,093
14	KERALA	45,392	46,563	50,222	51,508					4,483	4,822			3,553,839	3,540,250	3,653,936	3,643,143
15	KOLKATA	49,769	51,086	74,809	76,920					14,936	15,795			1,372,494	1,372,640	1,512,008	1,516,441
16	MADHYA PRADESH	238,935	239,135	29,889	30,585					1,338	1,538			1,180,792	1,164,764	1,450,954	1,436,022
17	MAHARASH TRA	38,504	40,257	62,418	64,085					104,573	106,400			3,220,675	3,091,330	3,426,170	3,302,072
18	MUMBAI	201,073	212,173	142,475	146,608					347,736	353,925	2,053,822	2,046,260			2,745,106	2,758,966
19	North East-I													209,244	208,823	209,244	208,823
20	North East-II													124,324	124,514	124,324	124,514
21	ORISSA			4,503	4,527					1,753	1,768			746,764	728,846	753,020	735,141
22	PUNJAB	71,094	73,607	47,123	47,228	150,973	152,249			6,268	6,674			1,394,244	1,384,119	1,669,702	1,663,877
23	RAJASTHAN	26,930	28,096	18,180	18,809			149,916	149,529	850	950			1,514,661	1,503,192	1,710,537	1,700,576
24	TAMIL NADU	135,792	136,107	31,841	32,509					2,707	29,222			2,203,910	2,180,690	2,374,250	2,378,528
25	UP (EAST)	29,759	22,314	35,356	35,750					3,683	4,219			1,440,579	1,440,193	1,509,377	1,502,476
26	UP (WEST)	22,302	31,045	9,142	9,173					2,182	2,238			939,389	940,596	973,015	983,052
27	Uttaranchal													311,275	307,327	311,275	307,327
28	WEST BENGAL			5,919	5,946					388	364			1,083,729	1,076,302	1,090,036	1,082,612
	Operator-wise Total	2,470,380	2,509,461	1,001,491	1,021,484	150,973	152,249	149,916	149,529	804,637	821,603	3,601,952	3,572,461	30,447,836	30,122,269	38,627,185	38,349,056