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Monthly Growth in Telecom Subscribers Crosses 5 Million Mark

The subscriber base for telephony services continued to maintain its growth during the month of July 2006 also. During the month 5.22 million net subscribers were added as compared to 4.80 million net additions during June 2006. 5.28 million mobile subscribers were added in July 2006, while fixed line subscribers declined by 0.06 million.

At the end of July 2006, total Fixed lines were, 47.36 millions and mobiles were 111.23 million. The gross telephony subscribers in country reached 158.59 million at the end of July 2006 as compared to 153.37 million in June 2006.

The tele-density reached 14.40 at the end of July 2006 as compared to 13.95 at the end of June 2006.

In mobile segment 18.19 million subscribers were added during first four months of current financial year as compared to 7.62 million in the corresponding period of FY 2005-06. The additions of fixed line telephony subscriber is only 0.58 million for the four months of FY 2006-07 as compared to 1.26 million during corresponding period in the previous year. The gross addition of mobile and fixed line subscribers in the first four months of FY 2006 is 18.77 million as compared to 8.88 million during the corresponding period in previous FY.

(Subscribers in Millions)

	2005			2006							
	March	July	Additions During April-July	March	April	May	June	July	Additions During June	Additions During July	Additions During April-July
Mobile	52.21	59.83	7.62	93.04	96.92	101.17	105.95	111.23	4.78	5.28	18.19
Fixed	45.91	47.17	1.26	46.78	47.51	47.40	47.42	47.36	0.02	-0.06	0.58
Total	98.12	107.00	8.88	139.82	144.43	148.57	153.37	158.59	4.80	5.22	18.77

Broadband (> 256 Kbps download) Growth: Broadband connections have also continued the steady growth rate since beginning of 2006. At the end of July 2006 total Broadband connections in the country have reached 1.70 million having net addition of 0.15 million during July 2006. The additions during first four months of current financial year is 0.35 million as compared to 0.25 millions during the corresponding period in the previous financial year.

(In millions)

	2005			2006					
	March	July	Additions During April-July	March	April	May	June	July	Additions During April – July
Broadband Connections	0.18	0.43	0.25	1.35	1.42	1.50	1.55	1.70	0.35

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