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- ❖ **13.44 million Wireless Subscribers added in February 2009.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 5.85 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 35.62 mark.**

New Delhi, 19 March 2009:- Total 13.42 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during February 2009 as compared to 15.26 million connections added in January 2009. The total number of telephone connections reaches 413.47 million at the end of February 2009 as compared to 400.05 million in January 2009. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 35.62 at the end of February 2009 as against 34.50 in January 2009.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 375.74 million at the end of February 2009. A total of 13.44 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of February 2009 as against 15.41 million wireless subscribers added during the month of January 2009. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has decreased to 37.73 million in the month of February 2009 as against 37.75 million subscribers in January 2009 registering a drop of 0.02 million. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

Comparison table of subscriber base during corresponding periods of 2008 & 2009 is shown below:

(Subscribers in Million)

	As on 1.1.08	As on 28.02.08	% Growth during 1.1.08- 28.02.08	As on 1.1.2009	As on 31.1.09*	As on 28.02.09*	% Growth during 1.1.09- 28.02.09	Monthly Addition in Feb'09
Wireless	233.63	250.93	7.40	346.89	362.30	375.74	8.31	13.44
Wireline	39.25	39.18	-0.17	37.90	37.75	37.73	-0.44	-0.02
Total	272.88	290.11	6.31	384.79	400.05	413.47	7.45	13.42

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 5.85 million by the end of February 2009 as compared to 5.65 million by the end of January 2009.

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

(Subscribers in Million)

As on 1.1.08	As on 28.02.08	% Growth during 1.1.08- 28.02.08	As on 1.1.09	As on 31.1.09*	As on 28.02.09*	% Growth during 1.1.09- 28.2.09*	Monthly Addition in Feb'09
3.13	3.47	10.86	5.45	5.65	5.85	7.33	0.2

* 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	
		Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,665,593	3,806,178	-	-	-	-	4,802,225	4,944,611	8,593,204	8,892,353	5,059,634	5,668,178
3	Assam	90,720	121,809	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,352,549	1,448,389	1,404,188	1,407,486
4	Bihar	328,444	601,175	-	-	-	-	529,614	607,458	6,851,526	7,152,245	5,358,858	5,491,573
5	Chennai	1,508,317	1,532,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,088,404	2,133,677	1,361,904	1,363,653
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,919,598	4,002,549	-	-	-	-	2,307,332	2,401,927	4,573,196	4,671,177	3,195,400	3,343,050
8	Gujarat	7,603,362	7,814,248	-	-	-	-	3,701,102	3,802,544	3,931,331	3,981,660	3,861,447	3,895,509
9	H.P.	17,371	29,756	-	-	-	-	130,543	135,768	937,867	951,121	983,329	998,551
10	Haryana	2,082,198	2,150,344	-	-	-	-	1,484,509	1,556,767	1,238,027	1,248,906	1,275,151	1,514,739
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,517,626	1,590,935	717	8,604
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,482,124	3,585,428	1,572,915	1,620,929	-	-	-	-	9,601,066	9,820,812	4,020,847	4,057,675
14	Kerala	2,900,940	3,001,669	-	-	-	-	4,078,537	4,241,565	2,114,180	2,169,633	2,609,367	2,650,200
15	Kolkata	2,608,970	2,720,193	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,401,078	2,456,896	2,504,017	2,620,540
16	M.P.	175,337	255,482	-	-	-	-	4,629,874	4,828,687	4,330,838	4,470,561	5,800,150	5,954,594
17	Maharashtra	4,226,327	4,428,389	-	-	-	-	7,039,672	7,226,734	5,544,737	5,690,609	3,863,696	4,351,567
18	Mumbai	4,234,006	4,303,513	-	-	2,007,303	2,073,184	603,570	690,913	2,762,132	2,791,963	4,250,364	4,299,061
19	North East-I	73,205	107,311	-	-	-	-	-	-	842,913	890,054	467,055	468,614
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	233,249	284,876	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,711,377	2,811,453	1,969,362	2,022,531
22	Punjab	2,081,484	2,147,163	2,379,192	2,427,574	-	-	-	-	3,713,574	3,754,405	1,308,645	1,492,602
23	Rajasthan	4,738,670	4,888,771	-	-	-	-	1,200,582	1,206,546	6,409,936	6,704,274	2,974,818	3,078,314
24	T.N.	4,833,724	5,005,095	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,795,731	6,003,040	3,457,073	3,829,167
25	U.P.(E)	6,090,871	6,323,800	-	-	-	-	1,804,078	1,922,428	5,552,153	5,722,386	4,708,947	4,802,250
26	U.P.(W)	4,091,105	4,223,429	-	-	-	-	3,752,408	3,904,162	2,198,209	2,256,862	3,082,754	3,421,868
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	4,354,409	4,587,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,321,104	3,501,560	2,777,651	2,900,057
	Total	63,340,024	65,920,902	3,952,107	4,048,503	2,007,303	2,073,184	36,064,046	37,470,110	88,382,758	91,114,971	66,295,374	69,640,383

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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	
Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,011	76,058	75,011	76,058
-	-	-	-	3,062,385	3,149,183	-	-	-	-	3,145,768	3,296,099	28,328,809	29,756,602
-	-	-	-	27,647	38,565	1,596,902	1,597,016	-	-	902,820	924,746	5,374,826	5,538,011
-	-	-	-	1,569,960	1,659,160	1,306,046	1,306,311	-	-	1,882,998	2,051,016	17,827,446	18,868,938
-	-	-	-	435,011	437,830	2,385,017	2,384,229	-	-	1,060,042	1,084,885	8,838,695	8,936,668
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	877,954	896,762	877,954	896,762
-	-	-	-	4,434,898	4,569,049	-	-	2,008,493	2,034,884	-	-	20,438,917	21,022,636
-	-	-	-	1,316,482	1,345,209	-	-	-	-	2,555,228	2,567,710	22,968,952	23,406,880
-	-	-	-	132,405	134,317	123,288	123,320	-	-	798,388	825,753	3,123,191	3,198,586
-	-	-	-	1,249,215	1,286,985	-	-	-	-	1,499,021	1,592,774	8,828,121	9,350,515
-	-	-	-	21,106	29,318	668,050	668,062	-	-	931,577	925,316	3,139,076	3,222,235
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	764,799	799,800	764,799	799,800
-	-	-	-	1,343,752	1,365,706	-	1,873	-	-	2,435,163	2,548,246	22,455,867	23,000,669
-	-	-	-	757,279	767,873	-	12,677	-	-	2,957,522	3,009,546	15,417,825	15,853,163
-	-	-	-	1,466,876	1,509,149	445,169	445,301	-	-	1,276,117	1,406,497	10,702,227	11,158,576
-	-	-	-	1,187,828	1,235,556	-	-	-	-	2,060,146	2,100,488	18,184,173	18,845,368
-	-	-	-	4,155,953	4,378,783	-	-	-	-	3,709,924	3,765,790	28,540,309	29,841,872
-	-	-	-	2,202,451	2,241,071	-	-	2,287,461	2,342,870	-	-	18,347,287	18,742,575
-	-	-	-	5,383	10,890	936,823	937,024	-	-	323,203	330,395	2,648,582	2,744,288
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355,962	373,054	355,962	373,054
-	-	-	-	628,343	653,295	808,884	809,155	-	-	1,429,714	1,478,069	7,780,929	8,059,379
385,568	389,839	-	-	1,297,464	1,332,993	-	-	-	-	2,668,042	2,721,181	13,833,969	14,265,757
-	-	434,649	498,535	2,440,600	2,493,481	-	-	-	-	2,991,453	3,111,660	21,190,708	21,981,581
-	-	-	-	717,942	727,079	7,444,964	7,768,059	-	-	3,081,565	3,215,802	25,330,999	26,548,242
-	-	-	-	1,431,067	1,470,449	-	-	-	-	5,597,426	5,762,430	25,184,542	26,003,743
-	-	-	-	2,015,239	2,087,930	-	-	-	-	1,698,661	1,762,080	16,838,376	17,656,331
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	767,273	785,847	767,273	785,847
-	-	-	-	891,886	943,153	1,046,254	1,046,363	-	-	1,738,713	1,829,993	14,130,017	14,808,456
385,568	389,839	434,649	498,535	32,791,172	33,867,024	16,761,397	17,099,390	4,295,954	4,377,754	47,584,490	49,241,997	362,294,842	375,742,592

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure-II

Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Sistema Shyam Teleservices Ltd		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09	Jan'09	Feb'09
1	Andaman Nicobar													19,643	19,545	19,643	19,545
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	95,724	98,699	85,224	85,350					131,306	131,973			2,220,939	2,203,764	2,533,193	2,519,786
3	Assam													354,433	351,692	354,433	351,692
4	BIHAR			2,188	2,186					5,416	5,416			962,382	961,856	969,986	969,458
5	CHENNAI	276,089	276,417	82,761	84,212					28,881	29,604			1,005,002	1,008,760	1,392,733	1,398,993
6	Chhatisgarh	60,664	60,676											230,129	229,555	290,793	290,231
7	DELHI - NCR	800,740	806,738	140,553	143,739					27,155	27,506	1,521,219	1,523,428			2,489,667	2,501,411
8	GUJARAT	34,351	34,854	106,615	106,873					42,187	42,382			1,932,591	1,925,268	2,115,744	2,109,377
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,527	3,737					540	570			376,585	375,471	380,652	379,778
10	HARYANA	21,289	21,321	9,416	9,071					4,937	5,085			823,647	816,495	859,289	851,972
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									242,731	242,284	242,732	242,285
12	Jharkhand													416,489	416,009	416,489	416,009
13	KARNATAK A	412,717	415,336	99,524	99,906					94,776	94,739			2,166,514	2,160,094	2,773,531	2,770,075
14	KERALA	50,948	50,934	55,198	55,374					5,794	5,970			3,474,782	3,468,344	3,586,722	3,580,622
15	KOLKATA	57,415	58,859	83,992	85,399					16,302	16,587			1,363,987	1,367,818	1,521,696	1,528,663
16	MADHYA PRADESH	239,805	239,945	32,461	32,541					2,052	2,111			1,127,715	1,130,575	1,402,033	1,405,172
17	MAHARASH TRA	48,914	50,913	71,124	71,881					119,319	123,523			2,966,135	2,965,330	3,205,492	3,211,647
18	MUMBAI	251,136	256,916	157,047	159,136					386,835	395,061	2,002,125	1,990,721			2,797,143	2,801,834
19	North East-I													206,687	206,789	206,687	206,789
20	North East-II													126,202	126,740	126,202	126,740
21	ORISSA			4,389	3,711					2,432	2,576			637,930	638,514	644,751	644,801
22	PUNJAB	81,857	83,070	47,537	46,774	158,162	159,795			7,974	8,097			1,348,449	1,342,866	1,643,979	1,640,602
23	RAJASTHAN	31,862	32,671	20,027	20,150			138,747	137,289	1,415	1,659			1,466,788	1,471,462	1,658,839	1,663,231
24	TAMIL NADU	137,337	137,617	36,169	36,373					3,616	3,804			2,101,308	2,083,220	2,278,430	2,261,014
25	UP (EAST)	35,615	36,682	36,580	36,318					5,230	5,548			1,440,296	1,440,658	1,517,721	1,519,206
26	UP (WEST)	22,355	22,365	10,207	10,235					2,786	2,838			940,266	942,034	975,614	977,472
27	Uttaranchal													300,884	299,162	300,884	299,162
28	WEST BENGAL			5,864	5,443					834	893			1,038,499	1,035,122	1,045,197	1,041,458
	Operator-wise Total	2,658,818	2,684,013	1,090,404	1,098,410	158,162	159,795	138,747	137,289	889,787	905,942	3,523,344	3,514,149	29,291,013	29,229,427	37,750,275	37,729,025