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- ❖ **Broadband subscribers crosses 3 million mark**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 23.89%.**

New Delhi, 22nd January 2008:- Total 8.11 million telephone connections have been added during December 2007 as compared to 8.22 million connections added in November 2007. The total number of telephone connections reaches 272.88 million at the end of December 2007 as compared to 264.77 million in November 2007. The overall tele-density is 23.89% at the end of December 2007 as against 23.21% in November 2007.

In the wireless segment, there is an addition of 8.17 million subscribers in the month of December 2007 as against 8.32 million subscribers added in the month of November 2007. The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 233.63 million at the end of December 2007. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, again a downfall can be seen in total number of subscribers. The subscriber base decreased to 39.25 million in the month of December 2007 as against 39.31 million subscribers in November 2007. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

Comparison table of subscriber base for the first nine months of 2006-07 and 2007-08 is shown below:

**(Subscribers in Million)**

	2006-07			2007-08				
	Mar 2006	Dec 2006	Add. During Apr'06-Dec'06	Mar 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Add. During Dec'07	Add. During Apr'07-Dec'07
Wireless	98.78	149.62	50.84	165.11	225.46*	233.63*	8.17	68.52
Wireline	41.54	40.30	-1.24	40.75	39.31*	39.25*	-0.06	-1.50
Total	140.32	189.92	49.60	205.86	264.77*	272.88*	8.11	67.02

\* The present data is tentative.

**Broadband ( $\geq$  256 Kbps download) Growth:** Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 3.13 million by the end of December 2007 as compared to 2.87 million by the end of November 2007.

The broadband subscriber's growth is tabulated below:

**(in million)**

<b>2006-07</b>			<b>2007-08</b>				
Mar'06	Dec'06	Addition during Apr'06 to Dec'06	Mar'07	Oct'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Addition during Apr'07 to Dec'07
1.35	2.05	0.70	2.34	2.69*	2.87*	3.13*	0.79

\* The present data is tentative.

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**Wireless Total including WLL(F)**

**Annexure -I (Cont'd....)**

Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	2,200,533	2,286,184	-	-	-	-	2,724,598	2,840,750	5,125,703	5,326,467	3,238,623	3,335,143
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750,175	770,826	701,821	741,241
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,519,260	3,652,424	3,036,742	3,207,040
5	Chennai	1,027,128	1,067,158	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,477,684	1,550,064	801,305	831,319
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,067,185	3,131,114	-	-	-	-	1,887,341	1,908,812	3,674,252	3,712,685	2,164,047	2,244,041
8	Gujarat	5,378,158	5,554,492	-	-	-	-	2,262,640	2,348,240	2,138,212	2,290,206	2,229,063	2,276,878
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,490	56,184	727,527	758,738	469,992	510,364
10	Haryana	1,096,533	1,131,053	-	-	-	-	888,768	901,780	901,215	942,463	711,780	755,504
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800,270	860,601	185	185
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	2,466,596	2,551,862	1,408,087	1,473,867	-	-	-	-	6,051,547	6,263,634	2,194,684	2,267,320
14	Kerala	1,641,638	1,716,742	-	-	-	-	2,306,971	2,400,727	1,380,078	1,427,107	1,733,445	1,792,055
15	Kolkata	1,697,899	1,762,971	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,543,895	1,586,506	1,539,662	1,582,048
16	M.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,538,787	2,687,200	2,342,787	2,454,175	3,358,270	3,555,203
17	Maharashtra	2,008,083	2,139,847	-	-	-	-	4,003,403	4,181,913	3,590,252	3,742,976	2,577,284	2,652,217
18	Mumbai	3,081,316	3,181,653	-	-	1,220,611	1,239,466	-	-	2,261,493	2,313,840	2,495,012	2,595,192
19	North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	368,510	389,251	258,341	271,173
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,388,244	1,476,960	1,088,220	1,157,281
22	Punjab	1,536,229	1,561,319	2,253,336	2,326,766	-	-	-	-	3,001,312	3,060,281	912,622	939,577
23	Rajasthan	2,446,302	2,547,598	-	-	-	-	732,366	766,935	3,100,910	3,306,529	1,458,819	1,504,334
24	T.N.	2,497,993	2,702,844	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,402,763	3,584,210	2,313,262	2,375,184
25	U.P.(E)	3,716,235	3,602,866	-	-	-	-	733,829	778,843	2,509,015	2,647,375	2,543,313	2,654,330
26	U.P.(W)	2,428,194	2,534,157	-	-	-	-	2,096,070	2,182,643	1,339,368	1,379,016	1,947,864	2,038,806
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	2,272,782	2,393,021	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,566,817	1,666,610	1,621,743	1,677,816
	<b>Total</b>	<b>38,562,804</b>	<b>39,864,881</b>	<b>3,661,423</b>	<b>3,800,633</b>	<b>1,220,611</b>	<b>1,239,466</b>	<b>20,222,263</b>	<b>21,054,027</b>	<b>52,961,289</b>	<b>55,162,944</b>	<b>39,396,099</b>	<b>40,964,251</b>

**Wireless Total including WLL(F)**

**Annexure -I**

Sl.	Circle	HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07
1	Andaman & Nocobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,618	51,206	49,618	51,206
2	A.P.	-	-	-	-	2,095,133	2,165,563	-	-	-	-	2,308,211	2,372,530	17,692,801	18,326,637
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	922,796	991,120	-	-	658,180	677,337	3,032,972	3,180,524
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	777,019	805,224	446,589	498,151	-	-	956,563	1,066,220	8,736,173	9,229,059
5	Chennai	-	-	-	-	331,203	344,767	1,655,178	1,718,365	-	-	905,228	910,049	6,197,726	6,421,722
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	569,356	595,501	569,356	595,501
7	Delhi	-	-	-	-	2,854,312	2,943,728	-	-	1,413,026	1,461,080	-	-	15,060,163	15,401,460
8	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	883,517	897,643	-	-	-	-	1,898,799	1,940,716	14,790,389	15,308,175
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	101,417	104,252	32,111	34,366	-	-	595,939	586,430	1,974,476	2,050,334
10	Haryana	-	-	-	-	744,887	772,236	-	-	-	-	1,289,773	1,315,616	5,632,956	5,818,652
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	191,897	213,261	-	-	883,039	890,986	1,875,391	1,965,033
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	566,299	582,851	566,299	582,851
13	Karnataka	-	-	-	-	1,047,426	1,062,777	-	-	-	-	1,928,467	1,966,782	15,096,807	15,586,242
14	Kerala	-	-	-	-	569,321	572,923	-	-	-	-	2,556,177	2,573,346	10,187,630	10,482,900
15	Kolkata	-	-	-	-	1,056,827	1,087,922	-	-	-	-	850,638	873,187	6,688,921	6,892,634
16	M.P.	-	-	-	-	670,341	701,642	-	-	-	-	1,401,036	1,454,238	10,311,221	10,852,458
17	Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	2,546,227	2,647,901	-	-	-	-	3,043,630	3,097,802	17,768,879	18,462,656
18	Mumbai	-	-	-	-	1,625,695	1,679,099	-	-	1,721,127	1,748,807	-	-	12,405,254	12,758,057
19	North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	502,998	514,567	-	-	251,756	265,340	1,381,605	1,440,331
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	330,847	342,606	330,847	342,606
21	Orissa	-	-	-	-	350,265	367,492	381,235	368,758	-	-	1,038,402	1,077,661	4,246,366	4,448,152
22	Punjab	218,947	251,090	-	-	856,466	871,092	-	-	-	-	1,683,459	1,726,351	10,462,371	10,736,476
23	Rajasthan	-	-	101,191	101,567	1,368,519	1,433,689	-	-	-	-	2,421,229	2,452,653	11,629,336	12,113,305
24	T.N.	-	-	-	-	564,033	576,100	4,458,460	4,615,052	-	-	2,527,152	2,572,274	15,763,663	16,425,664
25	U.P.(E)	-	-	-	-	892,111	920,788	-	-	-	-	4,167,941	4,284,529	14,562,444	14,888,731
26	U.P.(W)	-	-	-	-	1,175,976	1,239,499	-	-	-	-	1,186,666	1,243,526	10,174,138	10,617,647
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	649,425	658,081	649,425	658,081
28	W.B.	-	-	-	-	525,223	548,766	434,329	474,446	-	-	1,203,586	1,227,281	7,624,480	7,987,940
	<b>Total</b>	<b>218,947</b>	<b>251,090</b>	<b>101,191</b>	<b>101,567</b>	<b>21,035,918</b>	<b>21,743,103</b>	<b>9,025,593</b>	<b>9,428,086</b>	<b>3,134,153</b>	<b>3,209,887</b>	<b>35,921,416</b>	<b>36,805,099</b>	<b>225,461,707</b>	<b>233,625,034</b>

## Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure -II

Sl.	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Nov'07	Dec'07
1	Andaman Nicobar													26,433	25,942	26,433	25,942
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	51,210	53,006	57,891	59,566					118,685	119,559			2,541,743	2,520,190	2,769,529	2,752,321
3	Assam													438,963	436,132	438,963	436,132
4	BIHAR			977	1,087					1,259	2,556			963,033	963,855	965,269	967,498
5	CHENNAI	262,847	266,854	66,522	68,772					22,415	23,770			987,062	987,497	1,338,846	1,346,893
6	Chhatisgarh	59,889	59,938											257,339	256,077	317,228	316,015
7	DELHI - NCR	690,667	700,839	88,617	92,958					22,405	23,255	1,562,060	1,555,755			2,363,749	2,372,807
8	GUJARAT	20,431	21,540	79,206	83,163					29,736	32,976			2,176,272	2,158,394	2,305,645	2,296,073
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			1,416	2,049					270	360			428,004	425,025	429,690	427,434
10	HARYANA	20,653	20,747	6,081	6,677					1,262	1,567			920,117	914,285	948,113	943,276
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									270,498	266,778	270,499	266,779
12	Jharkhand													445,611	444,572	445,611	444,572
13	KARNATAKA	334,202	341,607	73,551	76,485					74,917	79,923			2,333,530	2,327,243	2,816,200	2,825,258
14	KERALA	33,809	34,954	32,661	35,579					2,797	3,076			3,592,825	3,589,376	3,662,092	3,662,985
15	KOLKATA	31,373	33,015	54,191	55,543					6,651	9,426			1,322,712	1,323,048	1,414,927	1,421,032
16	MADHYA PRADESH	237,420	237,612	21,908	22,646					584	669			1,199,487	1,200,931	1,459,399	1,461,858
17	MAHARASHTRA	25,983	26,835	47,773	50,228					79,568	82,245			3,529,820	3,505,881	3,683,144	3,665,189
18	MUMBAI	115,366	123,724	104,185	107,916					278,775	286,474	2,050,077	2,041,274			2,548,403	2,559,388
19	North East-I													207,559	207,484	207,559	207,484
20	North East-II													131,455	130,399	131,455	130,399
21	ORISSA			2,672	2,993					595	626			763,053	764,133	766,320	767,752
22	PUNJAB	60,014	61,284	38,283	39,616	156,078	153,767			2,652	2,847			1,481,193	1,466,500	1,738,220	1,724,014
23	RAJASTHAN	16,587	17,630	10,913	11,765			158,861	158,782	46	82			1,576,865	1,570,736	1,763,272	1,758,995
24	TAMIL NADU	132,349	132,931	26,200	27,105					1,958	2,063			2,398,979	2,376,410	2,559,486	2,538,509
25	UP (EAST)	23,453	24,150	25,666	27,097					446	550			1,450,377	1,449,864	1,499,942	1,501,661
26	UP (WEST)	20,888	21,510	6,068	6,439					166	378			942,917	937,637	970,039	965,964
27	Uttaranchal													330,414	328,995	330,414	328,995
28	WEST BENGAL			3,025	3,289					23	23			1,138,419	1,133,835	1,141,467	1,137,147
	<b>Operator-wise Total</b>	<b>2,137,141</b>	<b>2,178,176</b>	<b>747,807</b>	<b>780,974</b>	<b>156,078</b>	<b>153,767</b>	<b>158,861</b>	<b>158,782</b>	<b>645,210</b>	<b>672,425</b>	<b>3,612,137</b>	<b>3,597,029</b>	<b>31,854,680</b>	<b>31,711,219</b>	<b>39,311,914</b>	<b>39,252,372</b>