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- ❖ **Subscribers Addition inches towards 9 million per month.**
- ❖ **Wireless Subscribers addition touches new peak of 8.77 million per month.**
- ❖ **Broadband continues to grow in the country.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 24.63%.**

New Delhi, 22nd February 2008:- Total 8.74 million telephone connections have been added during January 2008 as compared to 8.11 million connections added in December 2007. The total number of telephone connections reaches 281.62 million at the end of January 2008 as compared to 272.88 million in December 2007. The overall tele-density is 24.63% at the end of January 2008 as against 23.89% in December 2007.

In the wireless segment, 8.77 million subscribers are added in the month of January 2008 as against 8.17 million subscribers added in the month of December 2007. This is a highest ever addition in a month till date. The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 242.40 million at the end of January 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has slightly decreased to 39.22 million in the month of January 2008 as against 39.25 million subscribers in December 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	Jan 2007	Add. During Apr'06-Jan'07	Mar 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Add. During Jan'08	Add. During Apr'07-Jan'08
Wireless	98.78	156.31	57.53	165.11	233.63*	242.40*	8.77	77.29
Wireline	41.54	40.40	-1.14	40.75	39.25*	39.22	-0.03	-1.53
Total	140.32	196.71	56.39	205.86	272.88*	281.62*	8.74	75.76

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 3.24 million by the end of January 2008 as compared to 3.13 million by the end of December 2007.

The broadband subscriber's growth is tabulated below:

2006-07			2007-08				
Mar'06	Jan'07	Addition during Apr'06 to Jan'07	Mar'07	Nov'07	Dec'07	Jan'08	Addition during Apr'07 to Jan'08
1.35	2.15	0.80	2.34	2.87*	3.13*	3.24*	0.90

* 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	
	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08
Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A.P.	2,286,184	2,386,271	-	-	-	-	2,840,750	3,001,013	5,326,467	5,538,216	3,335,143	3,455,610
Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	770,826	795,139	741,241	793,374
Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,652,424	3,922,668	3,207,040	3,372,843
Chennai	1,067,158	1,102,293	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,550,064	1,622,588	831,319	872,524
Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delhi	3,131,114	3,136,317	-	-	-	-	1,908,812	1,832,366	3,712,685	3,763,724	2,244,041	2,291,499
Gujarat	5,554,492	5,709,566	-	-	-	-	2,348,240	2,440,172	2,290,206	2,402,503	2,276,878	2,295,408
H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,184	63,839	758,738	784,347	510,364	561,642
Haryana	1,131,053	1,180,066	-	-	-	-	901,780	902,265	942,463	1,000,558	755,504	777,096
J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	860,601	903,925	185	185
Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karnataka	2,551,862	2,642,343	1,473,867	1,532,196	-	-	-	-	6,263,634	6,465,392	2,267,320	2,355,365
Kerala	1,716,742	1,806,835	-	-	-	-	2,400,727	2,500,776	1,427,107	1,477,801	1,792,055	1,881,752
Kolkata	1,762,971	1,831,065	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,586,506	1,635,673	1,582,048	1,632,250
M.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,687,200	2,853,305	2,454,175	2,562,175	3,555,203	3,758,638
Maharashtra	2,139,847	2,290,982	-	-	-	-	4,181,913	4,424,471	3,742,976	3,860,429	2,652,217	2,765,943
Mumbai	3,181,653	3,275,483	-	-	1,239,466	1,256,534	-	-	2,313,840	2,368,840	2,595,192	2,680,186
North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	389,251	406,402	271,173	288,906
North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orissa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,476,960	1,520,253	1,157,281	1,224,520
Punjab	1,561,319	1,600,442	2,326,766	2,410,632	-	-	-	-	3,060,281	3,092,607	939,577	951,793
Rajasthan	2,547,598	2,678,639	-	-	-	-	766,935	792,600	3,306,529	3,480,937	1,504,334	1,546,584
T.N.	2,702,844	2,903,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,584,210	3,739,510	2,375,184	2,474,736
U.P.(E)	3,602,866	3,402,718	-	-	-	-	778,843	864,815	2,647,375	2,819,877	2,654,330	2,770,197
U.P.(W)	2,534,157	2,635,757	-	-	-	-	2,182,643	2,279,063	1,379,016	1,442,882	2,038,806	2,093,271
Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W.B.	2,393,021	2,563,194	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,666,610	1,811,179	1,677,816	1,722,011
Total	39,864,881	41,145,413	3,800,633	3,942,828	1,239,466	1,256,534	21,054,027	21,954,685	55,162,944	57,417,625	40,964,251	42,566,333

Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	7-Dec	Jan'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,206	53,599	51,206	53,599
-	-	-	-	2,165,563	2,243,394	-	-	-	-	2,372,530	2,420,219	18,326,637	19,044,723
-	-	-	-	-	-	991,120	1,058,905	-	-	677,337	690,285	3,180,524	3,337,703
-	-	-	-	805,224	836,040	498,151	544,211	-	-	1,066,220	1,128,494	9,229,059	9,804,256
-	-	-	-	344,767	359,460	1,718,365	1,784,533	-	-	910,049	946,655	6,421,722	6,688,053
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	595,501	632,605	595,501	632,605
-	-	-	-	2,943,728	3,049,374	-	-	1,461,080	1,508,337	-	-	15,401,460	15,581,617
-	-	-	-	897,643	909,767	-	-	-	-	1,940,716	1,991,425	15,308,175	15,748,841
-	-	-	-	104,252	106,462	34,366	36,383	-	-	586,430	595,164	2,050,334	2,147,837
-	-	-	-	772,236	805,811	-	-	-	-	1,315,616	1,315,974	5,818,652	5,981,770
-	-	-	-	-	-	213,261	234,153	-	-	890,986	901,610	1,965,033	2,039,873
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	582,851	596,008	582,851	596,008
-	-	-	-	1,062,777	1,089,067	-	-	-	-	1,966,782	2,007,976	15,586,242	16,092,339
-	-	-	-	572,923	588,796	-	-	-	-	2,573,346	2,602,006	10,482,900	10,857,966
-	-	-	-	1,087,922	1,122,955	-	-	-	-	873,187	1,018,048	6,892,634	7,239,991
-	-	-	-	701,642	736,112	-	-	-	-	1,454,238	1,519,399	10,852,458	11,429,629
-	-	-	-	2,647,901	2,750,673	-	-	-	-	3,097,802	3,157,736	18,462,656	19,250,234
-	-	-	-	1,679,099	1,724,747	-	-	1,748,807	1,776,467	-	-	12,758,057	13,082,257
-	-	-	-	-	-	514,567	543,638	-	-	265,340	274,398	1,440,331	1,513,344
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	342,606	357,043	342,606	357,043
-	-	-	-	367,492	385,706	368,758	388,481	-	-	1,077,661	1,112,131	4,448,152	4,631,091
251,090	268,830	-	-	871,092	890,937	-	-	-	-	1,726,351	1,820,400	10,736,476	11,035,641
-	-	101,567	102,995	1,433,689	1,508,633	-	-	-	-	2,452,653	2,473,694	12,113,305	12,584,082
-	-	-	-	576,100	588,833	4,615,052	4,825,636	-	-	2,572,274	2,716,739	16,425,664	17,248,896
-	-	-	-	920,788	953,386	-	-	-	-	4,284,529	4,338,655	14,888,731	15,149,648
-	-	-	-	1,239,499	1,315,454	-	-	-	-	1,243,526	1,384,207	10,617,647	11,150,634
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	658,081	663,275	658,081	663,275
-	-	-	-	548,766	575,822	474,446	517,875	-	-	1,227,281	1,268,695	7,987,940	8,458,776
251,090	268,830	101,567	102,995	21,743,103	22,541,429	9,428,086	9,933,815	3,209,887	3,284,804	36,805,099	37,986,440	233,625,034	242,401,731

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure-II

Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Shyam Teleslink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08	Dec'07	Jan'08
1	Andaman Nicobar													25,942	25,158	25,942	25,158
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	53,006	55,394	59,566	62,725					119,559	120,042			2,520,190	2,495,739	2,752,321	2,733,900
3	Assam													436,132	433,488	436,132	433,488
4	BIHAR			1,087	1,155					2,556	3,152			963,855	965,447	967,498	969,754
5	CHENNAI	266,854	268,124	68,772	69,703					23,770	24,223			987,497	993,920	1,346,893	1,355,970
6	Chhatisgarh	59,938	59,999											256,077	257,268	316,015	317,267
7	DELHI - NCR	700,839	704,611	92,958	97,542					23,255	23,396	1,555,755	1,557,086			2,372,807	2,382,635
8	GUJARAT	21,540	22,009	83,163	85,635					32,976	33,938			2,158,394	2,147,111	2,296,073	2,288,693
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			2,049	2,548					360	360			425,025	419,851	427,434	422,759
10	HARYANA	20,747	20,825	6,677	7,144					1,567	1,601			914,285	908,859	943,276	938,429
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									266,778	261,984	266,779	261,985
12	Jharkhand													444,572	443,400	444,572	443,400
13	KARNATAKA	341,607	349,257	76,485	77,935					79,923	80,576			2,327,243	2,334,194	2,825,258	2,841,962
14	KERALA	34,954	36,185	35,579	38,211					3,076	3,222			3,589,376	3,586,236	3,662,985	3,663,854
15	KOLKATA	33,015	34,608	55,543	58,005					9,426	10,409			1,323,048	1,328,096	1,421,032	1,431,118
16	MADHYA PRADESH	237,612	237,846	22,646	23,840					669	709			1,200,931	1,203,672	1,461,858	1,466,067
17	MAHARASHTRA	26,835	28,289	50,228	52,047					82,245	84,323			3,505,881	3,481,345	3,665,189	3,646,004
18	MUMBAI	123,724	132,858	107,916	113,566					286,474	294,091	2,041,274	2,031,052			2,559,388	2,571,567
19	North East-I													207,484	207,365	207,484	207,365
20	North East-II													130,399	129,385	130,399	129,385
21	ORISSA			2,993	3,246					626	747			764,133	764,941	767,752	768,934
22	PUNJAB	61,284	62,154	39,616	41,310	153,767	151,433			2,847	3,296			1,466,500	1,451,696	1,724,014	1,709,889
23	RAJASTHAN	17,630	18,318	11,765	12,472			158,782	158,781	82	298			1,570,736	1,564,375	1,758,995	1,754,244
24	TAMIL NADU	132,931	133,239	27,105	27,790					2,063	2,188			2,376,410	2,363,584	2,538,509	2,526,801
25	UP (EAST)	24,150	24,816	27,097	28,582					550	648			1,449,864	1,451,165	1,501,661	1,505,211
26	UP (WEST)	21,510	21,780	6,439	6,636					378	618			937,637	937,532	965,964	966,566
27	Uttaranchal													328,995	325,396	328,995	325,396
28	WEST BENGAL			3,289	3,780					23	218			1,133,835	1,126,103	1,137,147	1,130,101
	Operator-wise Total	2,178,176	2,210,312	780,974	813,873	153,767	151,433	158,782	158,781	672,425	688,055	3,597,029	3,588,138	31,711,219	31,607,310	39,252,372	39,217,902