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- ❖ **15.64 million Wireless Subscribers added in March 2009.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 6.22 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 36.98 mark.**

New Delhi, 21st April 2009:- Total 15.87 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during March 2009 as compared to 13.82 million connections added in February 2009. The total number of telephone connections reaches 429.72 million at the end of March 2009 as compared to 413.85 million in February 2009. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 36.98 at the end of March 2009 as against 35.65 in February 2009.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 391.76 million at the end of March 2009. A total of 15.64 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of March 2009 as against 13.82 million wireless subscribers added during the month of February 2009. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has increased to 37.96 million in the month of March 2009 as against 37.73 million subscribers in February 2009 registering an increase of 0.23 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)

	2007-08					2008-09			
	As on Mar'07	As on Feb'08	As on Mar'08	% Growth during Mar'07 to Mar'08	Monthly addition in Mar'08	As on Feb'09*	As on Mar'09*	% Growth during Mar'08 to Mar'09	Monthly Addition in Mar'09
Wireless	165.11	250.93	261.09	58.13	10.16	376.12	391.76	50.04	15.64
Wireline	40.75	39.18	39.42	-3.26	0.24	37.73	37.96	-3.70	0.23
Total	205.86	290.11	300.51	45.97	10.40	413.85	429.72	42.99	15.87

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (≥ 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 6.22 million by the end of March 2009 as compared to 5.85 million by the end of February 2009.

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

(Subscribers in Million)

2007-08					2008-09			
As on Mar'07	As on Feb'08	As on Mar'08	% Growth during Mar'07 to Mar'08	Monthly addition in Mar'08	As on Feb'09*	As on Mar'09*	% Growth during Mar'08 to Mar'09	Monthly Addition in Mar'09
2.34	3.47	3.90	66.66	0.43	5.85	6.22	59.48	0.37

* The data is tentative.

Note: Information in the Press Release is based on the data provided by the Service Providers.

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Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,806,178	3,956,698	-	-	-	-	4,944,611	5,045,051	8,892,353	9,086,180	5,668,178	5,612,683
3	Assam	121,809	161,342	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,448,389	1,501,478	1,407,486	1,422,845
4	Bihar	601,175	771,543	-	-	-	-	607,458	863,048	7,152,245	7,488,867	5,491,573	5,666,149
5	Chennai	1,532,394	1,562,454	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,133,677	2,177,600	1,363,653	1,388,857
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	4,002,549	4,092,931	-	-	-	-	2,401,927	2,405,168	4,671,177	4,812,579	3,343,050	3,936,285
8	Gujarat	7,814,248	8,024,283	-	-	-	-	3,802,544	3,918,150	3,981,660	4,101,956	3,895,509	4,018,232
9	H.P.	29,756	44,508	-	-	-	-	135,768	141,819	951,121	961,565	998,551	1,006,818
10	Haryana	2,150,344	2,210,718	-	-	-	-	1,556,767	1,575,309	1,248,906	1,259,521	1,514,739	1,771,187
11	J & K	-	1,391	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,590,935	1,633,719	8,604	64,360
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,585,428	3,695,522	1,620,929	1,650,609	-	-	-	-	9,820,812	10,001,037	4,057,675	3,991,745
14	Kerala	3,001,669	3,127,106	-	-	-	-	4,241,565	4,371,750	2,169,633	2,294,896	2,650,200	2,683,163
15	Kolkata	2,720,193	2,811,441	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,456,896	2,485,001	2,620,540	2,718,026
16	M.P.	255,482	356,513	-	-	-	-	4,828,687	5,019,627	4,470,561	4,620,901	5,954,594	6,166,419
17	Maharashtra	4,428,389	4,666,959	-	-	-	-	7,226,734	7,477,604	5,690,609	6,001,373	4,351,567	4,481,059
18	Mumbai	4,303,513	4,373,872	-	-	2,073,184	2,164,211	690,913	751,757	2,791,963	2,802,180	4,299,061	4,407,520
19	North East-I	107,311	163,099	-	-	-	-	-	-	890,054	920,268	468,614	465,707
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	284,876	381,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,811,453	3,000,622	2,022,531	2,091,182
22	Punjab	2,147,163	2,227,692	2,427,574	2,482,733	-	-	-	-	3,754,405	3,783,941	1,492,602	1,704,381
23	Rajasthan	4,888,771	5,039,136	-	-	-	-	1,206,546	1,225,706	6,704,274	6,874,691	3,078,314	3,198,304
24	T.N.	5,005,095	5,223,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,003,040	6,213,021	3,829,167	4,039,856
25	U.P.(E)	6,323,800	6,604,921	-	-	-	-	1,922,428	2,001,056	5,722,386	5,909,614	4,802,250	5,010,740
26	U.P.(W)	4,223,429	4,405,718	-	-	-	-	3,904,162	4,093,412	2,256,862	2,371,852	3,421,868	3,789,879
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	4,587,330	4,866,592	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,501,560	3,620,386	2,900,057	3,030,795
	Total	65,920,902	68,768,998	4,048,503	4,133,342	2,073,184	2,164,211	37,470,110	38,889,457	91,114,971	93,923,248	69,640,383	72,666,192

Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Sistema Shyam		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,058	79,682	76,058	79,682
-	-	-	-	3,149,183	3,239,349	-	-	33,258	-	3,296,099	3,431,448	29,756,602	30,404,667
-	-	-	-	38,565	47,254	1,631,466	1,704,933	-	-	924,746	973,106	5,572,461	5,810,958
-	-	-	-	1,659,160	1,756,159	1,360,293	1,402,825	-	-	2,051,016	2,185,500	18,922,920	20,134,091
-	-	-	-	437,830	439,968	2,454,943	2,534,480	-	-	1,084,885	1,125,970	9,007,382	9,229,329
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	896,762	926,922	896,762	926,922
-	-	-	-	4,569,049	4,644,379	-	28,798	2,034,884	2,059,933	-	-	21,022,636	21,980,073
-	-	-	-	1,345,209	1,401,440	-	-	-	-	2,567,710	2,646,288	23,406,880	24,110,349
-	-	-	-	134,317	135,898	128,939	138,567	-	-	825,753	911,206	3,204,205	3,340,381
-	-	-	-	1,286,985	1,344,957	-	-	-	-	1,592,774	1,720,975	9,350,515	9,882,667
-	-	-	-	29,318	41,550	703,842	832,281	-	-	925,316	930,663	3,258,015	3,503,984
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	799,800	844,101	799,800	844,101
-	-	-	-	1,365,706	1,408,468	1,873	52,831	-	-	2,548,246	2,743,511	23,000,669	23,543,723
-	-	-	-	767,873	781,579	12,677	51,251	-	-	3,009,546	3,090,388	15,853,163	16,400,133
-	-	-	-	1,509,149	1,536,553	477,327	518,095	-	-	1,406,497	1,573,896	11,190,602	11,643,012
-	-	-	-	1,235,556	1,300,904	-	-	-	-	2,100,488	2,207,724	18,845,368	19,672,088
-	-	-	-	4,378,783	4,646,752	-	-	-	-	3,765,790	4,071,576	29,841,872	31,345,323
-	-	-	-	2,241,071	2,311,283	-	-	2,342,870	2,422,579	-	-	18,742,575	19,233,402
-	-	-	-	10,890	17,288	965,902	1,014,150	-	-	330,395	361,927	2,773,166	2,942,439
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	373,054	407,362	373,054	407,362
-	-	-	-	653,295	678,844	865,039	926,304	-	-	1,478,069	1,609,081	8,115,263	8,687,290
389,839	388,285	-	-	1,332,993	1,398,250	-	-	-	-	2,721,181	2,896,302	14,265,757	14,881,584
-	-	498,535	599,801	2,493,481	2,578,463	-	-	-	-	3,111,660	3,240,641	21,981,581	22,756,742
-	-	-	-	727,079	730,114	7,768,059	8,081,288	-	-	3,215,802	3,490,931	26,548,242	27,778,512
-	-	-	-	1,470,449	1,527,340	-	2,371	-	-	5,762,430	6,093,491	26,003,743	27,149,533
-	-	-	-	2,087,930	2,182,877	-	218	-	-	1,762,080	1,830,665	17,656,331	18,674,621
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	785,847	819,398	785,847	819,398
-	-	-	-	943,153	972,295	1,106,602	1,156,675	-	-	1,829,993	1,931,460	14,868,695	15,578,203
389,839	388,285	498,535	599,801	33,867,024	35,121,964	17,476,962	18,478,325	4,377,754	4,482,512	49,241,997	52,144,234	376,120,164	391,760,569

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	
		Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Feb'09	Mar'09
		1	Andaman Nicobar													19,545	19,355
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	98,699	103,463	85,350	85,891					131,973	132,304			2,203,764	2,226,078	2,519,786	2,547,736
3	Assam										8			351,692	351,022	351,692	351,030
4	BIHAR			2,186	2,226					5,416	2,774			961,856	963,222	969,458	968,222
5	CHENNAI	276,417	276,828	84,212	85,937					29,604	29,834			1,008,760	1,011,580	1,388,993	1,404,179
6	Chhatisgarh	60,676	60,688											229,555	230,235	290,231	290,923
7	DELHI - NCR	806,738	821,061	143,739	147,077					27,506	27,190	1,523,428	1,525,981			2,501,411	2,521,309
8	GUJARAT	34,854	35,394	106,873	107,586					42,382	42,918			1,925,268	1,928,277	2,109,377	2,114,175
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,737	3,384					570	647			375,471	375,823	379,778	379,854
10	HARYANA	21,321	21,359	9,071	8,683					5,085	5,348			816,495	839,816	851,972	875,206
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									242,284	239,795	242,285	239,796
12	Jharkhand													416,009	416,622	416,009	416,622
13	KARNATAKA	415,336	419,307	99,906	100,556					94,739	89,560			2,160,094	2,173,393	2,770,075	2,782,816
14	KERALA	50,934	50,774	55,374	55,525					5,970	6,443			3,468,344	3,463,628	3,580,622	3,576,370
15	KOLKATA	58,859	60,914	85,399	86,861					16,587	15,738			1,367,818	1,374,422	1,528,663	1,537,935
16	MADHYA PRADESH	239,945	240,084	32,541	32,667					2,111	2,244			1,130,575	1,109,960	1,405,172	1,384,955
17	MAHARASHTRA	50,913	52,688	71,881	72,886					123,523	129,365			2,965,330	3,015,349	3,211,647	3,270,288
18	MUMBAI	256,916	264,901	159,136	161,570					395,061	407,705	1,990,721	2,047,225			2,801,834	2,881,401
19	North East-I													206,789	207,603	206,789	207,603
20	North East-II													126,740	127,817	126,740	127,817
21	ORISSA			3,711	2,861					2,576	2,810			638,514	641,789	644,801	647,460
22	PUNJAB	83,070	87,210	46,774	46,025	159,795	162,217			8,097	8,299			1,342,866	1,344,911	1,640,602	1,648,662
23	RAJASTHAN	32,671	33,171	20,150	20,622			137,289	129,274	1,659	1,857			1,471,462	1,480,889	1,663,231	1,665,813
24	TAMIL NADU	137,617	137,895	36,373	36,878					3,804	3,973			2,083,220	2,081,254	2,261,014	2,260,000
25	UP (EAST)	36,682	38,100	36,318	36,100					5,548	5,808			1,440,658	1,445,029	1,519,206	1,525,037
26	UP (WEST)	22,365	22,403	10,235	10,318					2,838	2,935			942,034	949,340	977,472	984,996
27	Uttaranchal													299,162	300,680	299,162	300,680
28	WEST BENGAL			5,443	4,910					893	920			1,035,122	1,028,542	1,041,458	1,034,372
	Operator-wise Total	2,684,013	2,726,240	1,098,410	1,108,564	159,795	162,217	137,289	129,274	905,942	918,680	3,514,149	3,573,206	29,229,427	29,346,431	37,729,025	37,964,612