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- ❖ **Total telephone subscribers crosses 250 million**
- ❖ **Growth maintained in Wireless segment**
- ❖ **Teledensity crosses 22%.**

New Delhi, 22nd November 2007:- Total 7.89 million telephone connections have been added during October 2007 as compared to 7.64 million connections in September 2007. The subscriber number crosses 250 million, the target for December 2007. The gross number of telephone connection reaches 256.55 million at the end of October 2007 as compared to 248.66 million in September 2007. The overall tele-density reached 22.52% at the end of October 2007 as against 21.85% in September 2007.

In the wireless segment, there is an addition of 8.05 million subscribers in the month of October 2007 as against 7.80 million subscribers addition in the month of September 2007. The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base reaches 217.14 million at the end of October 2007. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, subscriber base decreased to 39.41 million in the month of October 2007 as against 39.58 million subscribers in September 2007. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

The subscriber base growth is tabulated below:

(Subscribers in Million)

	2006-07			2007-08				
	Mar 2006	Oct 2006	Add. During Apr'06-Oct'06	Mar 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Add. During Oct'07	Add. During Apr'07-Oct'07
Wireless	98.78	136.22	37.44	165.11	209.08*	217.14*	8.05	52.03
Wireline	41.54	40.56	-0.98	40.75	39.58*	39.41*	-0.17	-1.34
Total	140.32	176.78	36.46	205.86	248.66*	256.55*	7.89	50.69

* The present data is tentative and likely to be adjusted on the basis of quarterly reports received from Telecom Service Providers.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base reaches 2.69 million by the end of October 2007 as against 2.67 million by the end of September 2007.

The broadband subscribers growth is shown below:

(in million)

2006-07			2007-08				
Mar' 06	Oct' 06	Addition during Apr'06 to Oct'06	Mar' 07	Aug' 07	Sept' 07	Oct'07	Addition during Apr'07 to Oct'07
1.35	1.92	0.57	2.34	2.56	2.67*	2.69*	0.35

* The present data is tentative and likely to be adjusted on the basis of quarterly reports received from Service Providers.

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)

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

Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07
1	Andaman & Nocobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	2,028,143	2,128,734	-	-	-	-	2,510,597	2,632,618	4,755,341	4,972,395	3,098,289	3,162,685
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	725,417	735,104	656,345	679,731
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,249,909	3,357,866	2,762,063	2,894,260
5	Chennai	941,885	981,996	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,320,648	1,401,652	746,244	776,293
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	2,904,768	3,002,442	-	-	-	-	1,778,661	1,802,797	3,546,374	3,611,562	1,967,983	2,045,403
8	Gujarat	5,067,689	5,222,882	-	-	-	-	2,100,306	2,179,360	2,016,182	2,060,226	2,076,692	2,158,260
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,255	45,372	695,112	705,865	390,561	432,400
10	Haryana	1,071,502	1,081,548	-	-	-	-	909,506	884,928	852,531	860,880	650,184	676,016
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	719,629	739,312	185	185
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	2,269,913	2,371,164	1,282,905	1,353,456	-	-	-	-	5,606,386	5,882,408	2,024,964	2,108,279
14	Kerala	1,454,441	1,555,045	-	-	-	-	2,170,072	2,254,282	1,297,047	1,331,911	1,644,757	1,706,067
15	Kolkata	1,572,839	1,632,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,410,388	1,507,930	1,450,131	1,497,135
16	M.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,205,218	2,365,997	2,106,816	2,230,997	3,023,698	3,188,916
17	Maharashtra	1,758,692	1,876,715	-	-	-	-	3,698,888	3,828,546	3,278,699	3,467,950	2,435,776	2,518,964
18	Mumbai	2,901,145	2,989,970	-	-	1,153,357	1,201,464	-	-	2,137,682	2,188,532	2,177,485	2,268,302
19	North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	343,610	354,314	241,659	249,661
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,294,865	1,334,783	959,376	1,027,347
22	Punjab	1,500,125	1,510,183	2,198,805	2,216,820	-	-	-	-	2,865,450	2,900,722	836,957	877,359
23	Rajasthan	2,219,075	2,340,827	-	-	-	-	650,622	713,877	2,735,762	2,870,221	1,359,682	1,411,894
24	T.N.	2,011,981	2,222,482	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,974,785	3,181,985	2,197,022	2,281,115
25	U.P.(E)	3,658,284	3,774,304	-	-	-	-	657,709	692,988	2,269,804	2,403,254	2,374,934	2,467,334
26	U.P.(W)	2,251,742	2,328,104	-	-	-	-	1,943,026	2,021,203	1,276,577	1,301,883	1,764,823	1,854,000
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	2,045,322	2,167,359	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,396,650	1,506,884	1,484,331	1,554,364
	Total	35,657,546	37,186,630	3,481,710	3,570,276	1,153,357	1,201,464	18,671,860	19,421,968	48,875,664	50,908,636	36,324,141	37,835,970

Wireless Total including WLL(F)

Annexure -I

Sl.	Circle	HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,653	49,709	49,653	49,709
2	A.P.	-	-	-	-	1,958,253	2,026,404	-	-	-	-	2,179,985	2,238,152	16,530,608	17,160,988
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	865,835	897,022	-	-	643,974	647,864	2,891,571	2,959,721
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	703,730	732,193	330,485	383,688	-	-	911,125	921,995	7,957,312	8,290,002
5	Chennai	-	-	-	-	316,138	322,228	1,522,394	1,591,825	-	-	896,016	901,733	5,743,325	5,975,727
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	534,620	545,717	534,620	545,717
7	Delhi	-	-	-	-	2,668,523	2,740,231	-	-	1,327,684	1,369,208	-	-	14,193,993	14,571,643
8	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	844,365	862,373	-	-	-	-	1,804,308	1,853,082	13,909,542	14,336,183
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	96,081	98,993	23,060	24,338	-	-	574,742	586,380	1,826,811	1,893,348
10	Haryana	-	-	-	-	688,535	710,563	-	-	-	-	1,294,105	1,279,800	5,466,363	5,493,735
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	154,112	172,386	-	-	883,883	884,289	1,757,809	1,796,172
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	553,616	557,409	553,616	557,409
13	Karnataka	-	-	-	-	1,009,210	1,027,115	-	-	-	-	1,889,545	1,904,457	14,082,923	14,646,879
14	Kerala	-	-	-	-	552,643	558,135	-	-	-	-	2,493,227	2,530,659	9,612,187	9,936,099
15	Kolkata	-	-	-	-	1,003,711	1,033,909	-	-	-	-	810,823	832,222	6,247,892	6,504,071
16	M.P.	-	-	-	-	602,245	631,067	-	-	-	-	1,311,795	1,355,887	9,249,772	9,772,864
17	Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	2,298,456	2,435,780	-	-	-	-	2,922,622	2,979,355	16,393,133	17,107,310
18	Mumbai	-	-	-	-	1,489,604	1,571,290	-	-	1,666,494	1,691,710	-	-	11,525,767	11,911,268
19	North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	475,266	490,436	-	-	239,729	244,848	1,300,264	1,339,259
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	319,357	323,751	319,357	323,751
21	Orissa	-	-	-	-	324,807	337,366	380,233	392,002	-	-	957,278	998,128	3,916,559	4,089,626
22	Punjab	161,016	192,273	-	-	804,142	824,494	-	-	-	-	1,511,472	1,588,042	9,877,967	10,109,893
23	Rajasthan	-	-	100,225	100,851	1,231,830	1,286,611	-	-	-	-	2,405,287	2,410,436	10,702,483	11,134,717
24	T.N.	-	-	-	-	538,607	549,569	3,940,393	4,182,578	-	-	2,480,781	2,491,132	14,143,569	14,908,861
25	U.P.(E)	-	-	-	-	834,336	856,605	-	-	-	-	3,425,886	3,771,424	13,220,953	13,965,909
26	U.P.(W)	-	-	-	-	1,051,903	1,099,909	-	-	-	-	1,280,166	1,233,809	9,568,237	9,838,908
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	576,627	611,590	576,627	611,590
28	W.B.	-	-	-	-	480,619	504,148	347,577	389,730	-	-	1,176,201	1,182,360	6,930,700	7,304,845
	Total	161,016	192,273	100,225	100,851	19,497,738	20,208,983	8,039,355	8,524,005	2,994,178	3,060,918	34,126,823	34,924,230	209,083,613	217,136,204

Wireline Subscriber Base

Wireline Subscriber Base																	Annexure -II	
Sl.	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total		
		Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	
1	Andaman Nicobar					-	-	-	-			-	-	26,655	26,727	26,655	26,727	
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	47,984	49,357	55,743	56,669	-	-	-	-	116,401	118,013	-	-	2,597,116	2,564,990	2,817,244	2,789,029	
3	Assam					-	-	-	-			-	-	446,834	442,971	446,834	442,971	
4	BIHAR			842	885	-	-	-	-	811	808	-	-	966,083	963,123	967,736	964,816	
5	CHENNAI	259,308	261,069	62,872	64,784	-	-	-	-	20,640	21,383	-	-	993,855	990,862	1,336,675	1,338,098	
6	Chhatisgarh	59,792	59,818			-	-	-	-			-	-	259,965	258,498	319,757	318,316	
7	DELHI - NCR	675,723	684,124	82,536	84,908	-	-	-	-	21,911	21,659	1,560,224	1,558,032			2,340,394	2,348,723	
8	GUJARAT	19,233	19,769	73,957	77,046	-	-	-	-	28,204	29,115	-	-	2,212,824	2,193,551	2,334,218	2,319,481	
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			1,056	1,149	-	-	-	-	240	270	-	-	436,468	432,190	437,764	433,609	
10	HARYANA	20,267	20,433	5,351	5,653	-	-	-	-	862	1,203	-	-	936,629	926,456	963,109	953,745	
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1	-	-	-	-			-	-	278,214	272,957	278,215	272,958	
12	Jharkhand					-	-	-	-			-	-	446,855	446,356	446,855	446,356	
13	KARNATAKA	325,384	329,364	68,711	71,096	-	-	-	-	83,625	70,782	-	-	2,362,750	2,345,253	2,840,470	2,816,495	
14	KERALA	31,618	32,674	29,660	31,639	-	-	-	-	2,582	2,611	-	-	3,602,720	3,598,755	3,666,580	3,665,679	
15	KOLKATA	28,930	29,736	53,341	53,915	-	-	-	-	4,342	6,118	-	-	1,327,411	1,324,413	1,414,024	1,414,182	
16	MADHYA PRADESH	237,036	237,139	20,458	21,067	-	-	-	-	286	578	-	-	1,197,033	1,198,866	1,454,813	1,457,650	
17	MAHARASHTRA	23,185	24,525	43,862	45,696	-	-	-	-	74,405	76,970	-	-	3,584,081	3,554,905	3,725,533	3,702,096	
18	MUMBAI	99,091	107,681	98,508	101,268	-	-	-	-	264,608	271,060	2,066,868	2,056,716			2,529,075	2,536,725	
19	North East-I					-	-	-	-			-	-	207,962	207,677	207,962	207,677	
20	North East-II					-	-	-	-			-	-	134,642	133,796	134,642	133,796	
21	ORISSA			2,291	2,492	-	-	-	-	71	417	-	-	762,920	762,487	765,282	765,396	
22	PUNJAB	58,274	59,239	35,233	37,280	161,439	159,260	-	-	7,696	2,354	-	-	1,509,026	1,494,069	1,771,668	1,752,202	
23	RAJASTHAN	15,439	15,942	9,418	10,218	-	-	158,081	158,315	88	43	-	-	1,592,709	1,584,161	1,775,735	1,768,679	
24	TAMIL NADU	131,302	131,839	24,597	25,406	-	-	-	-	1,812	1,908	-	-	2,441,458	2,420,558	2,599,169	2,579,711	
25	UP (EAST)	22,121	22,774	23,353	24,730	-	-	-	-	357	386	-	-	1,461,924	1,455,105	1,507,755	1,502,995	
26	UP (WEST)	20,349	20,639	5,616	5,842	-	-	-	-	190	165	-	-	957,356	950,142	983,511	976,788	
27	Uttaranchal					-	-	-	-			-	-	333,204	331,749	333,204	331,749	
28	WEST BENGAL			2,645	2,901	-	-	-	-	36	23	-	-	1,151,568	1,144,002	1,154,249	1,146,926	
	Operator-wise Total	2,075,036	2,106,122	700,051	724,645	161,439	159,260	158,081	158,315	629,167	625,866	3,627,092	3,614,748	32,228,262	32,024,619	39,579,128	39,413,575	