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**Continued Growth trend for Mobile Subscribers during Jan, 2004.**  
**Total exceeds 3 crore mark.**

The subscriber base for mobile services continued to maintain its growth during first month of 2004. During the month approximately 1.64 million mobiles subscribers were added bringing the total of this category to 30.0 million.

During the month 1.37 million cellulars and 0.27 million WLL(M) subscribers have been added raising the total number of cellular subscribers to 23.37 million and that for WLL(M) subscribers to 6.71 million.

Addition in Mobiles for each month during 2003-04 in comparison to 2002-03 is shown below:

| Year/<br>Month | April | May  | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Total in<br>10<br>month<br>(Apr'03-<br>Jan'04) |
|----------------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|--|
| 2002-<br>03    | 0.28  | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.49 | 0.37  | 0.53 | 0.72 | 0.80 | 0.73 | 4.84   |
| 2003-<br>04    | 0.64  | 2.26 | 1.42 | 2.31 | 1.79 | 1.61  | 1.67 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.64 | 17.14  |

During January, 2004 addition of mobile was more than twice the growth during the corresponding month last year and additions during the first 10 months of FE 2003-03 were more than 3.5 times of growth during the corresponding period of previous financial year.

In India, at the end of January, 2004, fixed line including WLL(F) have crossed the figure of 42 million and mobiles have exceeded 30.0 million making a total of telephone subscribers around 72.0 million.

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