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- ❖ **9.16 million Wireless Subscribers added in August 2008.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 4.73 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 29.83% mark.**

New Delhi, 24th September 2008:- Total 9.03 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during August 2008 as compared to 9.06 million connections added in July 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 343.87 million at the end of August 2008 as compared to 334.84 million in July 2008. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 29.83% at the end of August 2008 as against 29.08% in July 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 305.24 million at the end of August 2008. A total of 9.16 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of August 2008 as against 9.22 million wireless subscribers added during the month of July 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 38.63 million in the month of August 2008 as against 38.76 million subscribers in July 2008. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

Comparison table of subscriber base during corresponding periods of 2007 and 2008 is shown below:

						(Subscribers in Million)				
2007						2008				
	As on 1.1.07	As on 31.7.07	As on 31.8.07	% growth during 1.1.07- 31.8.07	Mont hly Additi on In Aug'0 7	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.7.08*	As on 31.8.08*	% growth during 1.1.08- 31.8.08	Monthly Addition in Aug'08
Wireless	149.62	192.98	201.29	34.53%	8.31	233.63	296.08	305.24	30.65%	9.16
Wireline	40.30	39.89	39.73	-1.41%	-0.16	39.25	38.76	38.63	-1.57%	-0.13
Total	189.92	232.87	241.02	26.90%	8.15	272.88	334.84	343.87	26.01%	9.03

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 4.73 million by the end of August 2008 as compared to 4.57 million by the end of July 2008.

Comparison table of broadband subscriber's growth during corresponding periods of 2007 and 2008 is shown below:

					(Subscribers in Million)				
2007					2008				
As on 1.1.07	As on 31.7.07	As on 31.8.07	% growth during 1.1.07- 31.8.07	Monthly Addition In Aug'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 31.7.08*	As on 31.8.08*	% growth during 1.1.08- 31.8.08	Monthly Additio n in Aug' 08
2.10	2.47	2.56	21.90%	0.09	3.13	4.57	4.73	51.12%	0.16

* The data is tentative.

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)

Annexure -I

Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,037,641	3,145,792	-	-	-	-	3,887,083	4,100,232	7,040,868	7,262,952	4,301,817	4,455,273
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,020,467	1,090,547	1,099,313	1,140,288
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,402,006	5,659,464	4,421,582	4,596,866
5	Chennai	1,342,410	1,387,472	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,920,561	1,942,678	1,209,804	1,236,087
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,456,827	3,524,675	-	-	-	-	2,078,498	2,136,725	4,101,439	4,180,387	2,707,185	2,790,423
8	Gujarat	6,671,386	6,796,260	-	-	-	-	3,058,479	3,129,151	3,296,878	3,398,069	2,667,779	2,744,891
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,189	100,150	821,145	836,402	759,362	803,147
10	Haryana	1,520,176	1,594,903	-	-	-	-	1,184,377	1,225,141	1,075,789	1,097,323	1,041,340	1,087,261
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,204,912	1,209,023	912	912
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,119,513	3,179,638	1,724,842	1,410,634	-	-	-	-	7,931,832	8,246,921	2,889,476	2,982,028
14	Kerala	2,345,727	2,429,373	-	-	-	-	3,273,234	3,439,557	1,800,623	1,841,948	2,244,621	2,309,096
15	Kolkata	2,176,451	2,236,525	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,905,968	1,976,050	2,102,672	2,176,801
16	M.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,731,620	3,866,849	3,479,500	3,674,078	4,642,173	4,827,689
17	Maharashtra	3,240,137	3,376,329	-	-	-	-	5,664,946	5,822,964	4,539,202	4,663,850	3,242,346	3,329,508
18	Mumbai	3,789,888	3,880,003	-	-	1,439,956	1,517,394	-	17,138	2,528,790	2,553,647	3,095,415	3,177,978
19	North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	629,654	672,259	381,183	391,747
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	-	35,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,104,533	2,211,360	1,623,884	1,678,629
22	Punjab	1,767,163	1,805,789	2,472,408	2,152,496	-	-	-	-	3,281,889	3,341,888	1,170,563	1,197,205
23	Rajasthan	3,526,736	3,724,852	-	-	-	-	966,935	989,067	4,804,962	5,087,326	1,949,423	2,026,125
24	T.N.	3,815,868	4,000,319	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,605,022	4,777,949	2,914,073	2,985,501
25	U.P.(E)	4,475,744	4,709,075	-	-	-	-	1,296,100	1,348,240	4,414,843	4,634,856	3,277,295	3,386,025
26	U.P.(W)	3,310,346	3,437,666	-	-	-	-	3,010,885	3,103,241	1,759,717	1,855,657	2,507,409	2,590,636
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	3,354,352	3,494,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,407,407	2,573,843	2,287,911	2,375,080
	Total	50,950,365	52,758,792	4,197,250	3,563,130	1,439,956	1,517,394	28,248,346	29,278,455	72,076,007	74,778,477	52,537,538	54,289,196

Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,309	66,162	64,309	66,162
-	-	-	-	2,633,503	2,717,252	-	-	-	-	2,544,224	2,626,598	23,445,136	24,308,099
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,309,046	1,372,344	-	-	1,055,448	1,011,236	4,484,274	4,604,415
-	-	-	-	1,135,734	1,205,343	885,998	987,790	-	-	1,399,417	1,473,404	13,244,737	13,922,867
-	-	-	-	406,547	413,830	2,056,870	2,102,435	-	-	1,014,063	1,026,024	7,950,255	8,108,526
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	774,578	783,766	774,578	783,766
-	-	-	-	3,736,873	3,862,589	-	-	1,767,678	1,814,903	-	-	17,848,500	18,309,702
-	-	-	-	1,079,785	1,120,078	-	-	-	-	2,381,600	2,411,508	19,155,907	19,599,957
-	-	-	-	119,526	122,717	67,058	74,949	-	-	623,924	627,001	2,487,204	2,564,366
-	-	-	-	1,002,909	1,046,270	-	-	-	-	1,389,119	1,383,954	7,213,710	7,434,852
-	-	-	-	-	-	399,461	389,950	-	-	924,099	925,210	2,529,384	2,525,095
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	690,257	704,753	690,257	704,753
-	-	-	-	1,181,729	1,212,404	-	-	-	-	2,148,745	2,168,835	18,996,137	19,200,460
-	-	-	-	669,633	697,572	-	-	-	-	2,770,880	2,794,676	13,104,718	13,512,222
-	-	-	-	1,344,533	1,375,144	143,182	192,734	-	-	1,093,720	1,107,414	8,766,526	9,064,668
-	-	-	-	919,149	959,624	-	-	-	-	1,751,638	1,782,553	14,524,080	15,110,793
-	-	-	-	3,380,662	3,499,920	-	-	-	-	3,585,901	3,669,618	23,653,194	24,362,189
-	-	-	-	1,976,832	2,047,968	-	-	2,048,861	2,093,694	-	-	14,879,742	15,287,822
-	-	-	-	-	-	695,070	735,928	-	-	299,248	293,319	2,005,155	2,093,253
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	328,673	319,472	328,673	319,472
-	-	-	-	506,469	532,922	520,772	557,431	-	-	1,266,120	1,288,520	6,021,778	6,304,283
358,529	360,849	-	-	1,065,605	1,105,987	-	-	-	-	2,249,552	2,276,266	12,365,709	12,240,480
-	-	115,462	119,428	1,958,162	2,070,506	-	-	-	-	2,654,982	2,746,114	15,976,662	16,763,418
-	-	-	-	654,926	673,979	5,651,939	5,911,977	-	-	2,797,327	2,817,543	20,439,155	21,167,268
-	-	-	-	1,167,818	1,229,967	-	-	-	-	4,805,481	4,862,365	19,457,281	20,170,528
-	-	-	-	1,622,453	1,698,264	-	-	-	-	1,646,722	1,704,038	13,857,532	14,389,502
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	696,078	700,236	696,078	700,236
-	-	-	-	746,830	783,088	746,133	801,195	-	-	1,576,969	1,600,607	11,119,602	11,628,513
358,529	360,849	115,462	119,428	27,329,678	28,375,424	12,475,529	13,126,733	3,816,539	3,908,597	42,533,074	43,171,192	296,080,273	305,247,667

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure -II

Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08	July'08	Aug'08
1	Andaman Nicobar													23,926	23,096	23,926	23,096
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	74,403	78,006	77,382	78,619					124,749	126,334			2,355,616	2,332,556	2,632,150	2,615,515
3	Assam													415,007	398,295	415,007	398,295
4	BIHAR			1,915	1,952					4,847	4,984			966,588	967,361	973,350	974,317
5	CHENNAI	274,152	274,507	72,903	73,426					24,916	25,685			993,369	995,850	1,365,340	1,369,468
6	Chhatisgarh	60,609	60,619											242,778	240,339	303,387	300,958
7	DELHI - NCR	745,833	755,029	121,189	125,472					25,771	25,528	1,548,996	1,548,130			2,441,789	2,454,159
8	GUJARAT	27,777	28,829	100,332	102,279					37,617	38,445			2,039,963	2,023,006	2,205,689	2,192,559
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,821	3,859					390	390			395,818	392,759	400,029	397,008
10	HARYANA	21,099	21,135	9,445	9,471					2,622	3,195			885,585	874,107	918,751	907,908
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									247,968	247,244	247,969	247,245
12	Jharkhand													435,994	425,513	435,994	425,513
13	KARNATAK A	388,978	392,705	91,729	94,535					88,347	89,179			2,248,425	2,231,771	2,817,479	2,808,190
14	KERALA	44,389	45,392	48,477	50,222					4,349	4,483			3,557,324	3,553,839	3,654,539	3,653,936
15	KOLKATA	47,597	49,769	72,735	74,809					14,087	14,936			1,373,109	1,372,494	1,507,528	1,512,008
16	MADHYA PRADESH	238,711	238,935	29,295	29,889					1,200	1,338			1,180,420	1,180,792	1,449,626	1,450,954
17	MAHARASH TRA	36,601	38,504	61,174	62,418					101,678	104,573			3,269,494	3,220,675	3,468,947	3,426,170
18	MUMBAI	189,747	201,073	136,713	142,475					339,889	347,736	2,061,709	2,053,822			2,728,058	2,745,106
19	North East-I													209,787	209,244	209,787	209,244
20	North East-II													124,025	124,324	124,025	124,324
21	ORISSA			4,481	4,503					1,676	1,753			758,853	746,764	765,010	753,020
22	PUNJAB	69,350	71,094	47,047	47,123	149,479	150,973			6,060	6,268			1,401,685	1,394,244	1,673,621	1,669,702
23	RAJASTHAN	25,999	26,930	17,505	18,180			150,759	149,916	782	850			1,521,127	1,514,661	1,716,172	1,710,537
24	TAMIL NADU	135,445	135,792	31,291	31,841					2,515	2,707			2,224,304	2,203,910	2,393,555	2,374,250
25	UP (EAST)	28,867	29,759	34,411	35,356					3,363	3,683			1,441,942	1,440,579	1,508,583	1,509,377
26	UP (WEST)	22,290	22,302	9,094	9,142					1,835	2,182			938,502	939,389	971,721	973,015
27	Uttaranchal													312,542	311,275	312,542	311,275
28	WEST BENGAL			5,881	5,919					368	388			1,092,970	1,083,729	1,099,219	1,090,036
	Operator- wise Total	2,431,847	2,470,380	976,821	1,001,491	149,479	150,973	150,759	149,916	787,061	804,637	3,610,705	3,601,952	30,657,121	30,447,836	38,763,793	38,627,185