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TRAI launches Quarterly Performance Indicators of Telecom Services
updated for the quarter ending June, 2003 on their website.

Background:-

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) first published the performance indicators of the Telecom Services highlighting the trends for the financial year 2002-03 during July, 2003. Continuing the same, compilation of the performance indicators of various telecom services for the quarter April-June, 2003 is being brought out through a report on their website today. A new chapter on 'Investment by Financial Institutions in Telecom Sector' in addition to 'quarterly result at a glance' has been added in this updated version. Also a scan of recently reported popular cellular tariff plans have been added.

Salient Features of Telecom Services during quarter ending June, 2003

The gross subscriber base of the Basic and Cellular services together had reached 58.70 million at the end of the quarter ending June, 2003 from 54.48 million as on March, 2003 thereby showing an overall increase of around 8% during the quarter.

The gross teledensity of country have grown to 5.87 indicating an increase of 8% over the previous quarter.

The subscribers of Basic service increased from 41.79 million to 43.55 million and that for cellular services from 12.69 million to 15.15 million, during the above quarter.

The growth for Basic Services during the quarter was 4.21%, mainly because of spurt in WLL (M) segment, which grew by 600% over the previous quarter.

Cellular services showed significant growth of 19.39% during the quarter.

Number of VPT added during the quarter was 3760 making it a total of 5,16,887 VPTs in the country. Number of villages left uncovered were around 90,000 i.e. 15% of the total villages of the country.

Number of PCO's in the country increased to 15.57 lakhs registering a growth of 4.5% during the quarter.

On the revenue side the average ARPU of private Basic Service providers increased by 8% from Rs. 1254/- to Rs.1360/-.

For cellular services ARPU decreased from Rs. 537/- to Rs. 512/- showing a decline of 4.5% though there was an increase in average Minutes Of Use (MOU) from 222 to 253. This trend appears to emerging due to gradual decrease in tariff for cellular services.

The subscribers' base of Internet has shown an increase of about 3.6%, during the quarter, number of subscribers having increased from 3.64 million to 3.77 million as on June, 2003.

During the quarter, Internet Telephony recorded a usage of 16.9 million minutes.

The complete compilation is available at TRAI website www.traai.gov.in.

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