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TRAI launches Quarterly Performance Indicators of Telecom Services for the quarter ending June, 2005

Background: -

TRAI has been providing latest statistics on the performance of telecom services for the benefit of stakeholders, Analysts and research agencies. Today, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has released the compilation of the performance indicators of various telecom services for the quarter April-June, 2005.

Salient Features of Telecom Services during quarter ending June, 2005: -

A. Subscriber Growth:

The gross subscriber base of the fixed and mobile services together reached 104.22 million at the end of the quarter ending June, 2005 from 98.41 million as on March, 2005, showing an increase of around 5.90% during the quarter. The overall growth during the year (June 2004 to June 2005) was 26.47 %.

The subscribers of Fixed Service (Fixed Line and WLL-F) increased from 46.19 million to 46.85 million and that for Mobile Services (GSM + CDMA) from 52.22 million to 57.37 million, during the above quarter.

Mobile subscribers showed a growth of 9.86% during the quarter. The Annual growth (June 2004 to June 2005) for this segment was of the order of 51.93 %.

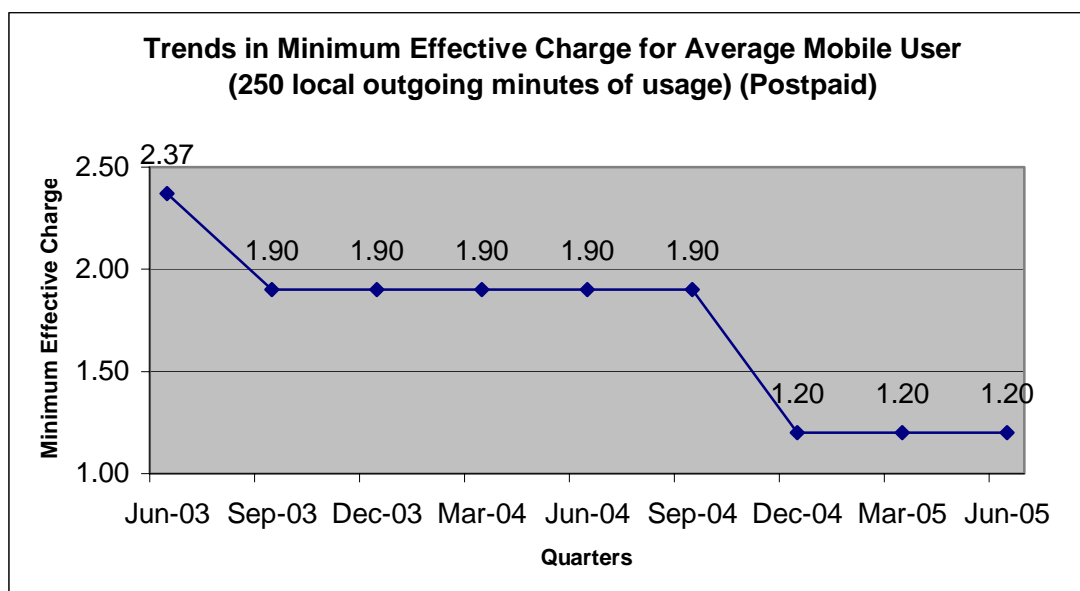
The share of private operators v/s PSU operators for gross subscriber base increased to a ratio of 49:51 in comparison to the ratio of 47:53 at the end of March, 2005.

The share of PSU operators v/s Private Operators for mobile services remained at 21:79 at the end of June, 2005, same as for quarter ending March, 2005.

The number of PCO's in the country increased to 29.50 lakhs registering a growth of about 6.42 % during the quarter.

B. Tariff Trends:

The effective per minute charge for a mobile local call has reduced from Rs. 1.90 at the end of June,2004 to Rs. 1.20 during the quarter ending June,2005, thus registering a decline of 37 % over the year.



C. Internet and Broadband Growth:

The Internet subscribers base increased from 5.55 million to 5.89 million during the quarter ending June 2005. The annual growth of this segment (June,04 to June, 2005) was of the order of 61.81 %.

The number of Broadband subscribers (with a download speed of 256 Kbps or more) increased from 1.83 Lakhs to 3.99 Lakhs during the quarter ending June, 2005 registering a growth of about 118 % during the quarter.

Average minutes of use per month per Internet subscriber was of the order of 300 minutes and the ARPU/month for Internet service was of the order of Rs. 200/-.

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

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