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- **6.81 million Wireless Subscribers added in January 2007.**
- **The overall subscriber base grew at the rate of 3.51% during January 2007**

The wireless segment added 6.81 million subscribers during January 2007 as compared to 6.48 million in Dec. 2006. At the end of January 2007 total wireless (GSM, CDMA and WLL-F) subscribers were 156.31 million.

The wireline subscriber registered a negative growth of 0.03 million in January 2007. The net additions in the subscriber base has been 6.78 million in January, 2007 as compared to 6.40 million during December 2006. The wireline subscriber base reached 40.40 million at the end of January 2007.

The gross telephony subscribers in country reached 196.71 million at January 2007 as compared to 189.93 million in December 2006. The overall tele-density reached 17.45 in January 2007 as compared to 17.16 at the end of December 2006. The tele-density in January 2006 was 12 % and has been registering a steady growth during the entire 2006.

The net addition of wireless and fixed line subscribers in the first ten months of FY 2006-07 has been 56.39 million as compared to 28.39 million during corresponding period of FY 2005-06.

**(Subscribers in Millions)**

	2005-06			2006-07							
	March 2005	Feb. 2006	Additions During April05-Jan. 06	Mar. 2006	*March 2006 (As per new policy)	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Additions During Dec.	Additions During Jan.	Additions During April06-Jan. 07
Wireless	52.22 #	84.89	32.67	90.14	98.78	143.02	149.50	156.31	6.48	6.81	57.53
Fixed	46.19	49.45	3.26	50.18	41.54	40.51	40.43	40.40	-0.08	-0.03	-1.14
Total	98.41	134.34	35.93	140.32	140.32	183.53	189.93	196.71	6.40	6.78	56.39

# Excluding WLL-F Subs.

\* WLL-F subs. Included in Wireless Subs. w.e.f. March 2006

**Broadband (≥ 256 Kbps download) Growth:** Broadband connections have continued growth since beginning of 2006. Total Broadband connections in the country have reached 2.15 million at the end of January 2007. During January 0.05 million broadband connections were added

during as compared to 0.10 million added during the December 2006 registering a negative growth rate.

The Growth rate of broadband subscribers during March 2006 to January 2007 is shown below:

(in million)

Apr'06	Sept'06	Oct'06	Nov'06	Dec'06	Jan'07	Add during Apr'06-Jan'07
1.40	1.82	1.92	2.00	2.10	2.15	0.75

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