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- ❖ **10.42 million Wireless Subscribers added in October 2008.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers reaches 5.05 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 31.50% mark.**

New Delhi, 24<sup>th</sup>—November 2008:- Total 10.29 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during October 2008 as compared to 9.79 million connections added in September 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 363.95 million at the end of October 2008 as compared to 353.66 million in September 2008. With this growth, the overall tele-density has reached 31.50% at the end of October 2008 as against 30.64% in September 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 325.73 million at the end of October 2008. A total of 10.42 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of October 2008 as against 10.07 million wireless subscribers added during the month of September 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has decreased to 38.22 million in the month of October 2008 as against 38.35 million subscribers in September 2008 registering a drop of 0.13 million. 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:

						<b>(Subscribers in Million)</b>				
<b>2007</b>						<b>2008</b>				
	As on 1.1.07	As on 30.9.07	As on 31.10.07	% growth during 1.1.07- 31.10.07	Monthly Addition In Oct'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 30.9.08*	As on 31.10.08 *	% growth during 1.1.08- 31.10.08	Monthly Addition in Oct'08
<b>Wireless</b>	149.62	209.08	217.14	45.12	8.06	233.63	315.31	325.73	39.42	10.42
<b>Wireline</b>	40.30	39.58	39.41	-2.20	-0.17	39.25	38.35	38.22	-2.62	-0.13
<b>Total</b>	189.92	248.66	256.55	35.08	7.89	272.88	353.66	363.95	33.37	10.29

\* The data is tentative.

**Broadband ( $\geq$  256 Kbps download) Growth:** Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 5.05 million by the end of October 2008 as compared to 4.90 million by the end of September 2008.

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

					<b>(Subscribers in Million)</b>				
<b>2007</b>					<b>2008</b>				
As on 1.1.07	As on 30.9.07	As on 31.10.07	% growth during 1.1.07- 31.10.07	Monthly Addition In Oct'07	As on 1.1.08	As on 30.9.08*	As on 31.10.08*	% growth during 1.1.08- 31.10.08	Monthly Addition in Oct' 08
2.10	2.67	2.69	28.09	0.02	3.13	4.90	5.05	61.34	0.15

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## Wireless Total including WLL(F)

## Annexure -I

Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	3,227,062	3,327,127	-	-	-	-	4,204,317	4,325,204	7,479,863	7,792,532	4,584,335	4,723,804
3	Assam	7,140	29,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,140,772	1,200,973	1,199,449	1,235,555
4	Bihar	-	28,167	-	-	-	-	-	73,987	5,948,198	6,067,918	4,739,200	4,911,202
5	Chennai	1,427,500	1,460,318	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,979,657	2,008,120	1,265,148	1,294,165
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,602,249	3,658,207	-	-	-	-	2,188,695	2,216,027	4,254,967	4,316,881	2,879,284	2,924,580
8	Gujarat	6,920,502	7,075,699	-	-	-	-	3,220,278	3,327,261	3,548,362	3,658,586	2,799,004	2,881,495
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,486	117,253	860,699	873,008	836,424	870,653
10	Haryana	1,666,946	1,777,336	-	-	-	-	1,284,598	1,341,146	1,125,625	1,149,123	1,141,050	1,183,046
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,269,839	1,290,508	953	985
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	3,249,809	3,282,229	1,425,597	1,432,174	-	-	-	-	8,480,596	8,723,451	3,074,085	3,175,637
14	Kerala	2,512,603	2,608,827	-	-	-	-	3,624,909	3,712,887	1,928,030	1,973,623	2,388,368	2,450,072
15	Kolkata	2,301,538	2,401,817	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,053,436	2,124,900	2,256,073	2,339,794
16	M.P.	-	5,013	-	-	-	-	4,000,755	4,137,200	3,770,144	3,865,751	5,005,687	5,197,523
17	Maharashtra	3,521,585	3,669,732	-	-	-	-	6,001,494	6,260,690	4,785,790	5,005,928	3,410,565	3,488,361
18	Mumbai	3,960,444	4,043,117	-	-	1,663,904	1,807,902	100,211	178,378	2,615,124	2,700,265	3,263,650	3,348,331
19	North East-I	2,952	15,534	-	-	-	-	-	-	713,334	737,682	409,192	425,426
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	60,826	96,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,296,809	2,401,605	1,744,127	1,813,374
22	Punjab	1,843,891	1,885,675	2,174,147	2,204,955	-	-	-	-	3,404,396	3,449,670	1,217,658	1,214,579
23	Rajasthan	3,928,177	4,153,320	-	-	-	-	1,033,703	1,062,526	5,402,529	5,752,815	2,094,734	2,172,127
24	T.N.	4,180,859	4,374,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,960,958	5,192,714	3,067,950	3,155,495
25	U.P. (E)	5,012,687	5,278,656	-	-	-	-	1,388,464	1,457,570	4,842,069	4,988,629	3,534,037	3,655,620
26	U.P. (W)	3,548,261	3,684,224	-	-	-	-	3,227,253	3,372,808	1,897,038	2,039,251	2,676,857	2,790,356
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	3,649,778	3,850,786	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,720,980	2,885,814	2,457,855	2,552,276
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54,624,809</b>	<b>56,703,506</b>	<b>3,599,744</b>	<b>3,637,129</b>	<b>1,663,904</b>	<b>1,807,902</b>	<b>30,380,163</b>	<b>31,582,937</b>	<b>77,479,215</b>	<b>80,199,747</b>	<b>56,045,885</b>	<b>57,804,456</b>

Wireless Total including WLL(F)  
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Annexure -I

HFCL Infotel		Shyam Teelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,954	69,951	67,954	69,951
-	-	-	-	2,810,414	2,875,709	-	-	-	-	2,753,857	2,911,596	25,059,848	25,955,972
-	-	-	-	-	7	1,428,180	1,490,276	-	-	999,609	974,469	4,775,150	4,930,862
-	-	-	-	1,271,735	1,359,939	1,054,927	1,121,894	-	-	1,560,122	1,611,716	14,574,182	15,172,923
-	-	-	-	-	-	2,164,166	2,215,450	-	-	1,035,447	1,038,383	7,871,918	8,016,436
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	801,829	832,965	801,829	832,965
-	-	-	-	3,976,983	4,080,784	-	-	1,836,001	1,874,335	-	-	18,738,179	19,070,814
-	-	-	-	1,187,792	1,194,063	-	-	-	-	2,416,375	2,486,902	20,092,313	20,624,006
-	-	-	-	124,681	126,729	86,405	98,875	-	-	660,686	705,411	2,674,381	2,791,929
-	-	-	-	1,085,147	1,124,124	-	-	-	-	1,366,175	1,375,590	7,669,541	7,950,365
-	-	-	-	-	-	431,303	481,672	-	-	941,387	934,361	2,643,482	2,707,526
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	718,810	733,776	718,810	733,776
-	-	-	-	1,243,752	1,261,993	-	-	-	-	2,155,222	2,191,386	19,629,061	20,066,870
-	-	-	-	722,226	733,107	-	-	-	-	2,846,082	2,875,939	14,022,218	14,354,455
-	-	-	-	1,416,550	1,407,714	250,917	310,829	-	-	1,137,026	1,174,866	9,415,540	9,759,920
-	-	-	-	996,438	1,048,910	-	-	-	-	1,837,290	1,910,094	15,610,514	16,164,491
-	-	-	-	3,611,966	3,734,838	-	-	-	-	3,715,912	3,670,660	25,047,312	25,830,209
-	-	-	-	2,082,021	2,108,137	-	-	2,121,855	2,149,554	-	-	15,807,209	16,335,684
-	-	-	-	-	-	783,009	834,468	-	-	299,592	306,111	2,208,079	2,319,221
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	323,552	327,755	323,552	327,755
-	-	-	-	556,309	575,568	624,510	697,094	-	-	1,309,297	1,344,280	6,591,878	6,927,981
361,002	374,334	-	-	1,142,776	1,172,002	-	-	-	-	2,301,500	2,329,078	12,445,370	12,630,293
-	-	121,905	194,434	2,139,008	2,267,485	-	-	-	-	2,742,527	2,741,908	17,462,583	18,344,615
-	-	-	-	1,115,727	1,124,393	6,192,006	6,491,244	-	-	2,904,693	2,959,517	22,422,193	23,297,443
-	-	-	-	1,272,665	1,308,444	-	-	-	-	4,945,097	5,034,247	20,995,019	21,723,166
-	-	-	-	1,758,878	1,823,625	-	-	-	-	1,685,837	1,667,155	14,794,124	15,377,419
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	710,867	711,259	710,867	711,259
-	-	-	-	820,523	835,274	862,820	917,396	-	-	1,626,839	1,658,755	12,138,795	12,700,301
361,002	374,334	121,905	194,434	29,335,591	30,162,845	13,878,243	14,659,298	3,957,856	4,023,889	43,863,584	44,578,130	315,311,901	325,728,607

Wireline Subscriber Base																	
Sl. No	Circle	Annexure -II															
		Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08	Sep'08	Oct'08
1	Andaman Nicobar													22,793	20,994	22,793	20,994
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	81,937	86,574	80,000	81,743					128,169	129,353			2,311,868	2,284,272	2,601,994	2,581,942
3	Assam													378,256	368,963	378,256	368,963
4	BIHAR			2,031	2,092					4,971	5,032			966,297	965,588	973,299	972,712
5	CHENNAI	274,827	275,149	74,545	76,355									1,000,085	1,001,130	1,349,457	1,352,634
6	Chhatisgarh	60,629	60,639											237,957	236,511	298,586	297,150
7	DELHI - NCR	764,040	774,540	129,274	131,018					25,680	25,994	1,526,201	1,520,675			2,445,195	2,452,227
8	GUJARAT	29,863	30,883	102,932	104,047					39,360	40,213			2,000,300	1,982,067	2,172,455	2,157,210
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			3,894	3,911					390	450			388,851	386,311	393,135	390,672
10	HARYANA	21,165	21,197	9,505	9,529					3,616	3,948			867,146	857,390	901,432	892,064
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									247,049	246,505	247,050	246,506
12	Jharkhand													422,741	422,103	422,741	422,103
13	KARNATAK A	396,617	401,117	95,654	96,677					91,482	92,389			2,215,340	2,205,997	2,799,093	2,796,180
14	KERALA	46,563	48,051	51,508	52,850					4,822	5,078			3,540,250	3,522,628	3,643,143	3,628,607
15	KOLKATA	51,086	52,533	76,920	78,496					15,795	14,990			1,372,640	1,371,180	1,516,441	1,517,199
16	MADHYA PRADESH	239,135	239,325	30,585	31,171					1,538	1,598			1,164,764	1,149,859	1,436,022	1,421,953
17	MAHARASH TRA	40,257	42,139	64,085	66,060					106,400	108,652			3,091,330	3,067,664	3,302,072	3,284,515
18	MUMBAI	212,173	221,354	146,608	148,783					353,925	362,522	2,046,260	2,038,417			2,758,966	2,771,076
19	North East-I													208,823	208,370	208,823	208,370
20	North East-II													124,514	124,616	124,514	124,616
21	ORISSA			4,527	4,554					1,768	1,874			728,846	718,433	735,141	724,861
22	PUNJAB	73,607	75,417	47,228	47,290	152,249	153,168			6,674	6,764			1,384,119	1,377,988	1,663,877	1,660,627
23	RAJASTHAN	28,096	29,130	18,809	19,231			149,529	148,804	950	966			1,503,192	1,496,631	1,700,576	1,694,762
24	TAMIL NADU	136,107	136,422	32,509	33,720					29,222	29,790			2,180,690	2,162,113	2,378,528	2,362,045
25	UP (EAST)	22,314	32,248	35,750	36,072					4,219	4,375			1,440,193	1,439,943	1,502,476	1,512,638
26	UP (WEST)	31,045	22,325	9,173	9,290					2,238	2,457			940,596	940,619	983,052	974,691
27	Uttaranchal													307,327	305,309	307,327	305,309
28	WEST BENGAL			5,946	5,969					364	374			1,076,302	1,070,596	1,082,612	1,076,939
	Operator-wise Total	2,509,461	2,549,043	1,021,484	1,038,859	152,249	153,168	149,529	148,804	821,603	836,819	3,572,461	3,559,092	30,122,269	29,933,780	38,349,056	38,219,565