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- ❖ **8.62 million Wireless Subscribers added in May 2008.**
- ❖ **Broadband subscribers' base reaches 4.15 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 27.59% mark.**

New Delhi, 26th June 2008:- Total 8.46 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during May 2008 as compared to 8.00 million connections added in April 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 316.97 million at the end of May 2008 as compared to 308.51 million in April 2008. The overall tele-density is 27.59% at the end of May 2008 as against 26.89% in April 2008.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 277.92 million at the end of May 2008. A total of 8.62 million wireless subscribers have been added during the month of May 2008 as against 8.21 million wireless subscribers added during the month of April 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 39.05 million in the month of May 2008 as against 39.21 million subscribers in April 2008. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

Comparison table of subscriber base for 2006-07 and 2007-08 is shown below:

(Subscribers in Million for period ending)

| | 2006-07 | | | 2007-08 | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | Mar 2006 | May 2007 | Add. During Apr'06-May'07 | Mar 2007 | Apr' 2008 | May2008 | Add. During May'08 | Add. During Apr'07-May'08 |
| Wireless | 98.78 | 177.79 | 79.01 | 165.11 | 269.30* | 277.92* | 8.62 | 112.81 |
| Wireline | 41.54 | 40.26 | -1.28 | 40.75 | 39.21 | 39.05 | -0.16 | -1.70 |
| Total | 140.32 | 218.05 | 77.73 | 205.86 | 308.51* | 316.97* | 8.46 | 111.11 |

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 4.15 million by the end of May 2008 as compared to 4.01 million by the end of April 2008. The broadband subscriber's growth is tabulated below:

(Subscribers in Million for period ending)

| 2006-07 | | | 2007-08 | | | | |
|---------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Mar' 06 | May' 07 | Addition during Apr'06 to May'07 | Mar'07 | Mar'08 | Apr'08 | May' 08 | Addition during Apr'07 to May08 |
| 1.35 | 2.46 | 1.11 | 2.34 | 3.90 | 4.01* | 4.15* | 1.81 |

* 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 | |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | A.P. | 2,710,605 | 2,819,016 | - | - | - | - | 3,405,457 | 3,554,733 | 6,263,294 | 6,516,332 | 3,893,108 | 4,018,111 |
| 3 | Assam | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 921,487 | 939,746 | 962,634 | 1,005,135 |
| 4 | Bihar | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,609,957 | 4,912,900 | 3,841,489 | 4,021,836 |
| 5 | Chennai | 1,214,708 | 1,254,814 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,775,656 | 1,823,532 | 1,041,318 | 1,153,289 |
| 6 | Chhatisgarh | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | Delhi | 3,263,533 | 3,328,981 | - | - | - | - | 1,965,955 | 2,001,238 | 4,000,330 | 4,055,704 | 2,423,550 | 2,517,187 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 6,171,059 | 6,333,858 | - | - | - | - | 2,694,139 | 2,639,656 | 2,854,652 | 3,004,824 | 2,494,105 | 2,527,152 |
| 9 | H.P. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 80,173 | 84,999 | 807,557 | 809,829 | 661,682 | 701,312 |
| 10 | Haryana | 1,322,554 | 1,380,096 | - | - | - | - | 1,039,050 | 1,080,689 | 1,060,241 | 1,067,990 | 947,010 | 981,948 |
| 11 | J & K | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,013,662 | 1,100,069 | 776 | 800 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13 | Karnataka | 2,967,970 | 3,026,000 | 1,714,228 | 1,767,213 | - | - | - | - | 6,990,941 | 7,316,500 | 2,484,607 | 2,627,706 |
| 14 | Kerala | 2,089,259 | 2,180,336 | - | - | - | - | 2,886,109 | 3,016,720 | 1,681,498 | 1,703,298 | 2,132,285 | 2,170,947 |
| 15 | Kolkata | 2,031,281 | 2,076,340 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,836,016 | 1,852,838 | 1,856,409 | 1,928,977 |
| 16 | M.P. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,356,881 | 3,482,037 | 2,922,475 | 3,084,776 | 4,147,128 | 4,312,589 |
| 17 | Maharashtra | 2,766,544 | 2,920,396 | - | - | - | - | 5,031,860 | 5,221,920 | 4,270,259 | 4,345,945 | 3,045,766 | 3,092,848 |
| 18 | Mumbai | 3,529,478 | 3,611,675 | - | - | 1,313,786 | 1,331,261 | - | - | 2,445,003 | 2,468,016 | 2,866,164 | 2,925,945 |
| 19 | North East-I | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 539,511 | 585,213 | 344,685 | 357,605 |
| 20 | North East-II | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 | Orissa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,814,342 | 1,911,070 | 1,450,711 | 1,491,992 |
| 22 | Punjab | 1,685,646 | 1,696,991 | 2,648,889 | 2,730,462 | - | - | - | - | 3,205,988 | 3,239,200 | 1,061,454 | 1,084,744 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 3,059,700 | 3,197,824 | - | - | - | - | 857,779 | 891,074 | 4,040,893 | 4,242,006 | 1,751,909 | 1,804,602 |
| 24 | T.N. | 3,335,834 | 3,489,359 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,107,689 | 4,218,705 | 2,783,073 | 2,834,134 |
| 25 | U.P.(E) | 3,686,558 | 3,966,470 | - | - | - | - | 1,049,081 | 1,161,155 | 3,674,302 | 3,897,278 | 2,942,326 | 3,050,537 |
| 26 | U.P.(W) | 2,974,562 | 3,081,491 | - | - | - | - | 2,673,165 | 2,806,422 | 1,581,964 | 1,624,001 | 2,306,574 | 2,354,605 |
| 27 | Uttaranchal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 28 | W.B. | 2,971,124 | 3,103,206 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,952,717 | 2,106,163 | 1,975,328 | 2,084,262 |
| | Total | 45,780,415 | 47,466,853 | 4,363,117 | 4,497,675 | 1,313,786 | 1,331,261 | 25,039,649 | 26,140,643 | 64,370,434 | 66,825,935 | 47,414,091 | 49,048,263 |

Wireless Total including WLL(F)

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Annexure -I

| HFCL Infotel | | Shyam Telelink | | Tata Teleservices | | Aircel | | MTNL | | BSNL | | State-wise Total | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 59,853 | 61,307 | 59,853 | 61,307 |
| - | - | - | - | 2,430,426 | 2,471,438 | - | - | - | - | 2,494,344 | 2,508,828 | 21,197,234 | 21,888,458 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,201,578 | 1,223,957 | - | - | 1,016,579 | 1,049,748 | 4,102,278 | 4,218,586 |
| - | - | - | - | 969,308 | 1,013,675 | 703,217 | 773,724 | - | - | 1,291,636 | 1,290,120 | 11,415,607 | 12,012,255 |
| - | - | - | - | 384,638 | 389,485 | 1,887,674 | 1,943,083 | - | - | 984,889 | 988,472 | 7,288,883 | 7,552,675 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 746,509 | 754,638 | 746,509 | 754,638 |
| - | - | - | - | 3,368,897 | 3,476,325 | - | - | 1,621,077 | 1,663,275 | - | - | 16,643,342 | 17,042,710 |
| - | - | - | - | 967,635 | 993,106 | - | - | - | - | 2,266,765 | 2,281,972 | 17,448,355 | 17,980,568 |
| - | - | - | - | 113,949 | 115,467 | 43,357 | 53,334 | - | - | 603,182 | 613,243 | 2,309,900 | 2,378,184 |
| - | - | - | - | 906,230 | 926,859 | - | - | - | - | 1,354,165 | 1,367,813 | 6,629,250 | 6,805,395 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 298,791 | 330,575 | - | - | 922,729 | 928,726 | 2,235,958 | 2,360,170 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 656,059 | 670,539 | 656,059 | 670,539 |
| - | - | - | - | 1,128,918 | 1,131,546 | - | - | - | - | 2,087,402 | 2,091,670 | 17,374,066 | 17,960,635 |
| - | - | - | - | 626,623 | 630,228 | - | - | - | - | 2,694,001 | 2,709,629 | 12,109,775 | 12,411,158 |
| - | - | - | - | 1,238,868 | 1,273,115 | - | 55,030 | - | - | 1,068,069 | 1,076,755 | 8,030,643 | 8,263,055 |
| - | - | - | - | 821,979 | 848,571 | - | - | - | - | 1,702,938 | 1,701,029 | 12,951,401 | 13,429,002 |
| - | - | - | - | 3,005,248 | 3,124,813 | - | - | - | - | 3,565,322 | 3,548,950 | 21,684,999 | 22,254,872 |
| - | - | - | - | 1,821,843 | 1,865,223 | - | - | 1,945,315 | 1,968,269 | - | - | 13,921,589 | 14,170,389 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 619,089 | 643,209 | - | - | 307,342 | 285,740 | 1,810,627 | 1,871,767 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 380,766 | 391,431 | 380,766 | 391,431 |
| - | - | - | - | 442,975 | 460,282 | 472,235 | 491,622 | - | - | 1,196,591 | 1,218,008 | 5,376,854 | 5,572,574 |
| 316,183 | 326,150 | - | - | 976,394 | 999,261 | - | - | - | - | 2,087,399 | 2,144,791 | 11,981,953 | 12,221,599 |
| - | - | 107,989 | 108,396 | 1,710,872 | 1,763,488 | - | - | - | - | 2,556,889 | 2,577,022 | 14,086,031 | 14,584,412 |
| - | - | - | - | 623,493 | 627,326 | 5,118,335 | 5,285,407 | - | - | 2,805,372 | 2,780,275 | 18,773,796 | 19,235,206 |
| - | - | - | - | 1,082,674 | 1,125,292 | - | - | - | - | 4,601,437 | 4,886,805 | 17,036,378 | 17,887,537 |
| - | - | - | - | 1,497,628 | 1,556,462 | - | - | - | - | 1,592,460 | 1,613,372 | 12,626,353 | 13,036,353 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 682,237 | 690,027 | 682,237 | 690,027 |
| - | - | - | - | 656,511 | 684,100 | 645,174 | 692,045 | - | - | 1,537,225 | 1,546,850 | 9,738,079 | 10,216,626 |
| 316,183 | 326,150 | 107,989 | 108,396 | 24,775,109 | 25,476,062 | 10,989,450 | 11,491,986 | 3,566,392 | 3,631,544 | 41,262,160 | 41,577,760 | 269,298,775 | 277,922,528 |

| Wireline Subscriber Base | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sl. No | Circle | Annexure-II | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Bharti Airtel Ltd. | | Reliance Communications | | HFCL infotel | | Shyam Teletelink | | Tata Teleservices | | MTNL | | BSNL | | State-wise Total | |
| | | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 | Apr'08 | May'08 |
| 1 | Andaman Nicobar | | | | | | | | | | | | | 24,633 | 24,457 | 24,633 | 24,457 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 63,572 | 65,988 | 70,113 | 72,494 | | | | | 122,558 | 123,494 | | | 2,434,154 | 2,410,865 | 2,690,397 | 2,672,841 |
| 3 | Assam | | | | | | | | | 426,621 | 423,908 | | | 426,621 | 426,621 | 423,908 | 423,908 |
| 4 | BIHAR | | | 1,474 | 1,619 | | | | | 4,585 | 4,792 | | | 963,043 | 965,084 | 969,102 | 971,495 |
| 5 | CHENNAI | 271,885 | 272,942 | 71,432 | 72,024 | | | | | 23,133 | 24,049 | | | 1,004,320 | 998,949 | 1,370,770 | 1,367,964 |
| 6 | Chhatisgarh | 60,339 | 60,444 | | | | | | | | | | | 256,530 | 252,989 | 316,869 | 313,433 |
| 7 | DELHI - NCR | 726,628 | 735,249 | 109,946 | 113,872 | | | | | 23,818 | 24,116 | 1,558,566 | 1,553,795 | | | 2,418,958 | 2,427,032 |
| 8 | GUJARAT | 23,651 | 24,549 | 92,608 | 95,010 | | | | | 36,135 | 36,397 | | | 2,104,763 | 2,083,777 | 2,257,157 | 2,239,733 |
| 9 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | | | 3,357 | 3,506 | | | | | 390 | 358 | | | 409,346 | 404,087 | 413,093 | 407,951 |
| 10 | HARYANA | 20,981 | 21,027 | 8,367 | 8,810 | | | | | 2,234 | 2,345 | | | 908,254 | 896,206 | 939,836 | 928,388 |
| 11 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 256,541 | 252,744 | 256,542 | 252,745 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | | | | | | | | | | | | | 444,748 | 441,935 | 444,749 | 441,935 |
| 13 | KARNATAK A | 371,277 | 375,988 | 83,439 | 85,548 | | | | | 81,913 | 83,505 | | | 2,302,849 | 2,288,209 | 2,839,478 | 2,833,250 |
| 14 | KERALA | 39,516 | 40,931 | 45,447 | 46,362 | | | | | 3,802 | 3,961 | | | 3,576,089 | 3,568,086 | 3,664,854 | 3,659,340 |
| 15 | KOLKATA | 41,090 | 43,435 | 64,246 | 66,935 | | | | | 12,784 | 14,074 | | | 1,374,460 | 1,374,486 | 1,492,580 | 1,498,930 |
| 16 | MADHYA PRADESH | 238,268 | 238,410 | 26,433 | 27,554 | | | | | 1,145 | 1,258 | | | 1,203,545 | 1,189,533 | 1,469,391 | 1,456,755 |
| 17 | MAHARASH TRA | 32,092 | 33,618 | 57,048 | 58,600 | | | | | 93,762 | 95,895 | | | 3,408,973 | 3,364,627 | 3,591,875 | 3,552,740 |
| 18 | MUMBAI | 160,280 | 169,509 | 126,616 | 129,119 | | | | | 314,220 | 324,245 | 2,100,553 | 2,091,560 | | | 2,701,669 | 2,714,433 |
| 19 | North East-I | | | | | | | | | | | | | 211,601 | 211,371 | 211,601 | 211,371 |
| 20 | North East-II | | | | | | | | | | | | | 127,067 | 123,875 | 127,067 | 123,875 |
| 21 | ORISSA | | | 3,952 | 4,193 | | | | | 1,224 | 1,417 | | | 764,754 | 764,510 | 769,930 | 770,120 |
| 22 | PUNJAB | 64,672 | 66,444 | 44,210 | 44,885 | 146,433 | 146,609 | | | 4,642 | 5,326 | | | 1,412,082 | 1,405,112 | 1,672,039 | 1,668,376 |
| 23 | RAJASTHAN | 21,914 | 23,227 | 15,323 | 16,352 | | | 156,653 | 156,312 | 652 | 624 | | | 1,551,432 | 1,538,840 | 1,745,974 | 1,735,355 |
| 24 | TAMIL NADU | 134,394 | 134,749 | 29,624 | 30,199 | | | | | 2,292 | 2,410 | | | 2,303,859 | 2,279,550 | 2,470,169 | 2,446,908 |
| 25 | UP (EAST) | 26,795 | 27,309 | 31,623 | 32,510 | | | | | 2,405 | 3,272 | | | 1,450,518 | 1,447,498 | 1,511,251 | 1,510,589 |
| 26 | UP (WEST) | 22,245 | 22,265 | 7,700 | 8,164 | | | | | 1,457 | 1,556 | | | 944,847 | 939,925 | 976,249 | 971,910 |
| 27 | Uttaranchal | | | | | | | | | | | | | 322,099 | 319,298 | 322,099 | 319,298 |
| 28 | WEST BENGAL | | | 5,028 | 5,432 | | | | | 177 | 192 | | | 1,110,687 | 1,104,142 | 1,115,892 | 1,109,766 |
| | Operator-wise Total | 2,319,509 | 2,356,084 | 897,987 | 923,189 | 146,433 | 146,609 | 156,653 | 156,312 | 733,328 | 753,286 | 3,659,119 | 3,645,355 | 31,297,816 | 31,074,063 | 39,210,845 | 39,054,898 |