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Wireless Subscribers Maintains Growth Rate

The wireless segment added 6.80 million subscribers during November 2006, the highest ever growth in any single calendar month. At the end of November 2006 total wireless (GSM, CDMA and WLL-F) subscribers were 143.02 million.

The wireline subscriber registered a negative growth of 0.05 million in November 2006 resulting in net addition of 6.75 million subscribers as compared to 6.52 million during October 2006. The wireline subscriber base reached 40.51 million at the end of November 2006.

The gross telephony subscribers in country reached 183.53 million at the end of November 2006 as compared to 176.78 million in October 2006. The overall tele-density reached 16.60 in November 2006 as compared to 16 at the end of October 2006. The tele-density in November 2005 was 11 and thus there is steep growth in tele-density in previous twelve months (50%).

The net addition of wireless and fixed line subscribers in the first eight months of FY 2006-07 is 43.21 million, which is almost twice as compared to addition of 21.52 million in the corresponding period of FY 2005-06.

(Subscribers in Millions)

	2005			2006							
	March	Nov.	Additions During April-Nov.	March	March* 2006 (As per new policy)	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Additions During Oct.	Additions During Nov.	Additions During April-Nov.
Wireless	52.22#	71.46#	19.24	90.14	98.78	129.51	136.22	143.02	6.71	6.79	44.24
Fixed	46.19	48.47	2.28	50.18	41.54	40.75	40.56	40.51	-0.19	-0.07	-1.03
Total	98.41	119.93	21.52	140.32	140.32	170.26	176.78	183.53	6.52	6.72	43.21

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 the growth since beginning of 2006. At the end of November 2006 total Broadband connections in the country have reached 2 million having addition of 0.08 million during November 2006.

The additions during first eight months of current financial year is 0.65 million as compared to 0.57 millions during the corresponding period in the previous financial year.

(In millions)

	2005				2006					
	March	Sept.	Nov.	Add. During April-Nov.	Mar.	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Add. During April – Nov
Broadband Connections	0.18	0.61	0.75	0.57	1.35	1.55	1.82	1.92	2.00	0.65

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