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Please find enclosed Monthly Telecom Scenario, which contains updated figures on various telecom parameters up to September'19.



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# Monthly Telecom Scenario

September'19



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## Overview

The following table gives a summary of the sector's performance vis-à-vis last month:

Parameter	Unit	September'19	August'19
<b>Total Phones</b>		<b>1194.25</b>	<b>1191.79</b>
Wireline	<b>million</b>	20.63	20.82
Wireless		1173.61	1170.98
Rural		514.70	510.99
Urban		679.55	680.80
Public		133.63	133.16
Private		1060.62	1058.63
Wireline %age to Total Phones		<b>%age</b>	1.73
Wireless %age to Total Phones	98.27		98.25
Rural %age to Total Phones	43.10		42.88
Urban %age to Total Phones	56.90		57.12
Public %age to Total Phones	11.19		11.17
Private %age to Total Phones	88.81		88.83
<b>Overall Teledensity</b>		<b>90.45</b>	<b>90.34</b>
Wireline Teledensity	<b>%age</b>	1.56	1.58
Wireless Teledensity		88.89	88.76
Rural Teledensity		57.35	56.97
Urban Teledensity		160.71	161.25
Public		10.12	10.09
Private		80.33	80.25
<b>Teledensity: Top five Circles</b>			
Himachal Pradesh	<b>%age</b>	149.16	148.61
Kerala		128.22	127.53
Punjab		127.11	126.48
Tamil Nadu		116.99	116.77
Karnataka		110.89	110.61
<b>Teledensity: Metros</b>			
Delhi	<b>%age</b>	241.74	241.87
Mumbai		167.05	167.43
Kolkata		164.79	164.54
<b>Broadband</b>	<b>million</b>	<b>625.42</b>	<b>615.43</b>



At the end of September'19, the total number of telephones was 1194.25 million, compared to 1191.79 million by the end of August'19, showing an increase of 2.46 million. Maximum rise in total telephone connections was recorded in Orissa (366737) followed by Maharashtra (290693) and Kerala (271930). However, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir and Mumbai recorded a fall in telephone connections over previous month, with a decrease of 241444, 114730 & 26659 respectively.

Total Telephones : Service Area wise							
Service Area	March'19	April'19	May'19	June'19	July'19	August'19	September'19
ANDHRA PRADESH	88170245	88005801	87772495	88346463	88676456	88861040	88888759
ASSAM	23080711	23426284	23505762	23654357	23890306	23956868	24145407
BIHAR	85308742	85632929	85736314	85786473	85735615	85650504	85409060
GUJARAT	70534207	69856023	70087384	70026992	69909625	69806019	69830339
HARYANA	27990960	27886734	28015983	28162818	28215673	28393309	28512500
HIMACHAL PRADESH	10630749	10591921	10641770	10673781	10743442	10825956	10872150
JAMMU & KASHMIR	11437233	11452673	11441112	11580370	11696187	11564926	11450196
KARNATAKA	70398285	69680955	69780523	70274172	70424508	70983741	71208468
KERALA	45840356	45979276	45904226	46116150	46276578	46432490	46704420
MADHYA PRADESH	75718114	76066495	76251601	76170526	76042006	76157729	76317830
MAHARASHTRA	94548392	94533229	94185011	94213729	94775464	94804386	95095079
NORTH-EAST	12115134	11988972	12082247	12136007	12282647	12336929	12393775
ORISSA	32930410	32581015	32761956	32960432	33137307	32726280	33093017
PUNJAB	40014807	40000402	39954333	40076000	40117308	40549692	40786991
RAJASTHAN	64774956	65239401	65545977	65679103	66131358	66137356	66166677
TAMIL NADU	84480470	84400843	84154586	84142426	84279751	84525637	84722766
UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	99449999	100076523	99691849	100235544	100107611	100560388	100742350
UTTAR PRADESH - [West]	64887552	64964997	64766668	65160805	65284678	65229975	65378539
WEST BENGAL	57719640	57551550	56670731	56621352	56679312	56756145	56856147
KOLKATA	27047850	27036593	26981101	26993467	26954220	26998706	27061517
DELHI	55394424	55749272	56100399	56241303	56548361	56818705	56920370
MUMBAI	40934182	40966369	40987394	41276410	41371677	41716177	41689518
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1183407418</b>	<b>1183668257</b>	<b>1183019422</b>	<b>1186528680</b>	<b>1189280090</b>	<b>1191792958</b>	<b>1194245875</b>

1 Source: BSNL/MTNL/COAI



Service area-wise analysis reveals that Uttar Pradesh - [East] had the highest share in the total telephones (8.44%) followed by Maharashtra (7.96%), Andhra Pradesh (7.44%), Bihar (7.15%) and Tamil Nadu (7.09%). These five Service areas taken together accounted for 38.08% of total telephone connections in India.

Telephones during the month of September'19				
Service Area	Wireline	Wireless	Total Phones	%age Share Total Phones
ANDHRA PRADESH	1294461	87594298	88888759	7.44
ASSAM	105128	24040279	24145407	2.02
BIHAR	171915	85237145	85409060	7.15
GUJARAT	1085484	68744855	69830339	5.85
HARYANA	256467	28256033	28512500	2.39
HIMACHAL PRADESH	105229	10766921	10872150	0.91
JAMMU & KASHMIR	113382	11336814	11450196	0.96
KARNATAKA	2101962	69106506	71208468	5.96
KERALA	1816584	44887836	46704420	3.91
MADHYA PRADESH	895471	75422359	76317830	6.39
MAHARASHTRA	1407807	93687272	95095079	7.96
NORTH-EAST	97385	12296390	12393775	1.04
ORISSA	220822	32872195	33093017	2.77
PUNJAB	720767	40066224	40786991	3.42
RAJASTHAN	497801	65668876	66166677	5.54
TAMIL NADU	2066671	82656095	84722766	7.09
UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	399757	100342593	100742350	8.44
UTTAR PRADESH - [West]	274834	65103705	65378539	5.47
WEST BENGAL	183508	56672639	56856147	4.76
KOLKATA	667792	26393725	27061517	2.27
DELHI	3260455	53659915	56920370	4.77
MUMBAI	2889609	38799909	41689518	3.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20633291</b>	<b>1173612584</b>	<b>1194245875</b>	<b>100.00</b>

1 Source: BSNL/MTNL/COAI



The overall tele-density at the end of September'19 stood at 90.45%. Among the Service areas, Himachal Pradesh (149.16%) had the highest tele-density followed by Kerala (128.22%), Punjab (127.11%), Tamil Nadu (116.99%) and Karnataka (110.89%). Among the three metros, Delhi Service Area topped in tele-density with 241.74%, followed by Mumbai (167.05%) and Kolkata (164.79%).

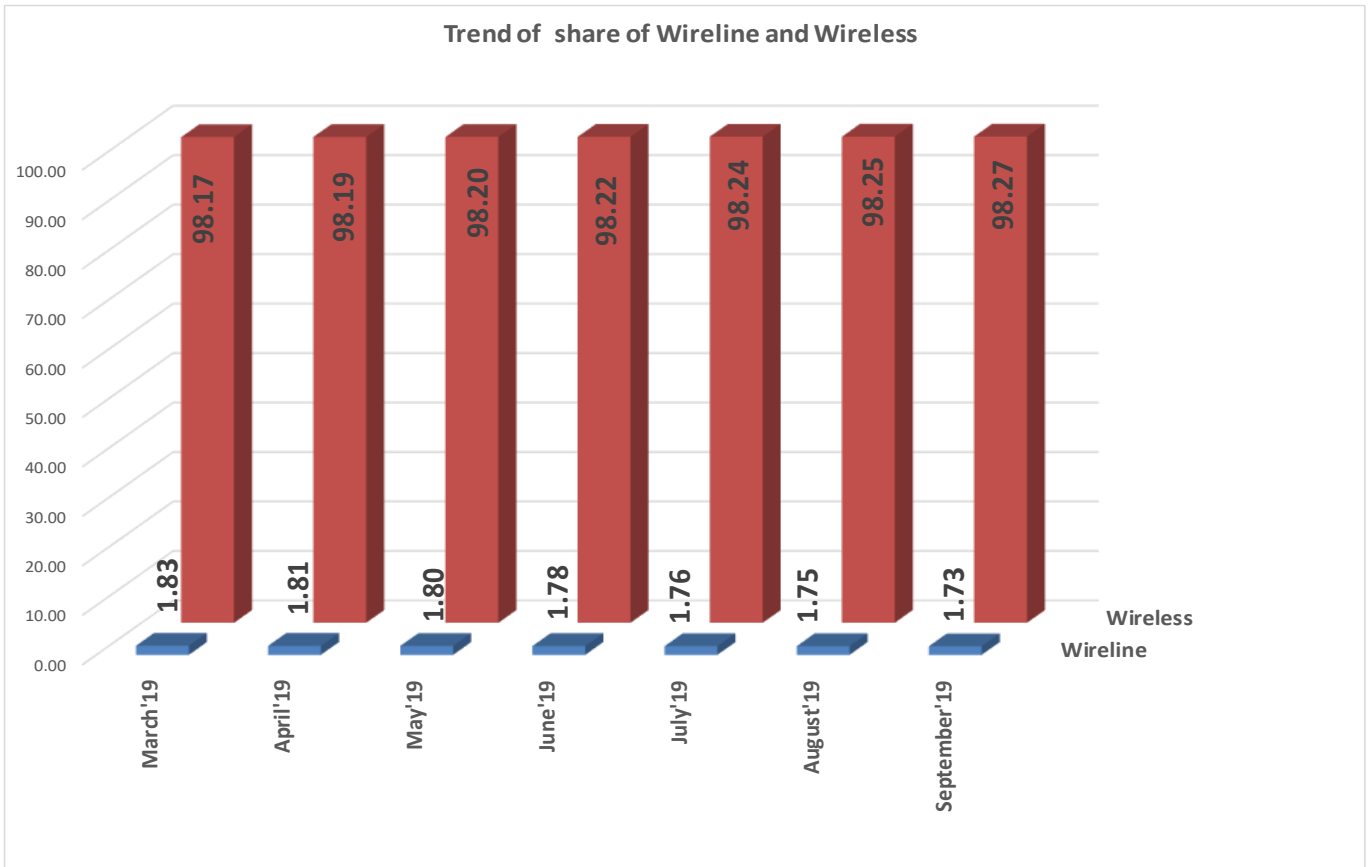
Teledensity : Service Area wise (in %age)							
Service Area	March'19	April'19	May'19	June'19	July'19	August'19	September'19
ANDHRA PRADESH	97.55	97.32	97.00	97.58	97.89	98.04	98.01
ASSAM	68.81	69.78	69.96	70.34	70.98	71.12	71.62
BIHAR	59.95	60.12	60.15	60.13	60.04	59.93	59.71
GUJARAT	107.21	106.09	106.35	106.17	105.90	105.65	105.60
HARYANA	97.66	97.19	97.54	97.94	98.02	98.53	98.84
HIMACHAL PRADESH	146.37	145.73	146.34	146.70	147.55	148.61	149.16
JAMMU & KASHMIR	89.43	89.49	89.33	90.36	91.20	90.11	89.16
KARNATAKA	110.04	108.85	108.94	109.64	109.81	110.61	110.89
KERALA	126.15	126.48	126.22	126.76	127.15	127.53	128.22
MADHYA PRADESH	70.11	70.36	70.47	70.32	70.13	70.16	70.24
MAHARASHTRA	92.83	92.75	92.33	92.29	92.77	92.72	92.93
NORTH-EAST	84.17	83.22	83.81	84.11	85.07	85.37	85.70
ORISSA	75.74	74.90	75.27	75.68	76.04	75.05	75.85
PUNJAB	125.35	125.19	124.94	125.22	125.24	126.48	127.11
RAJASTHAN	85.34	85.86	86.18	86.26	86.77	86.69	86.64
TAMIL NADU	116.94	116.79	116.40	116.33	116.48	116.77	116.99
UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	68.63	68.85	68.52	68.83	68.75	68.83	68.89
UTTAR PRADESH - [West]							
WEST BENGAL	71.39	71.14	70.00	69.90	69.92	69.97	70.05
KOLKATA	165.51	165.31	164.83	164.78	164.41	164.54	164.79
DELHI	238.57	239.54	240.49	240.53	241.28	241.87	241.74
MUMBAI	165.62	165.49	165.31	166.20	166.31	167.43	167.05
TOTAL	90.10	90.04	89.91	90.10	90.23	90.34	90.45

1. Source: BSNL/MTNL/COAI and O/o Registrar General

2. No separate population data is available for UP(W); so UP(E) and UP(W) have been clubbed together to show the figures for UP.



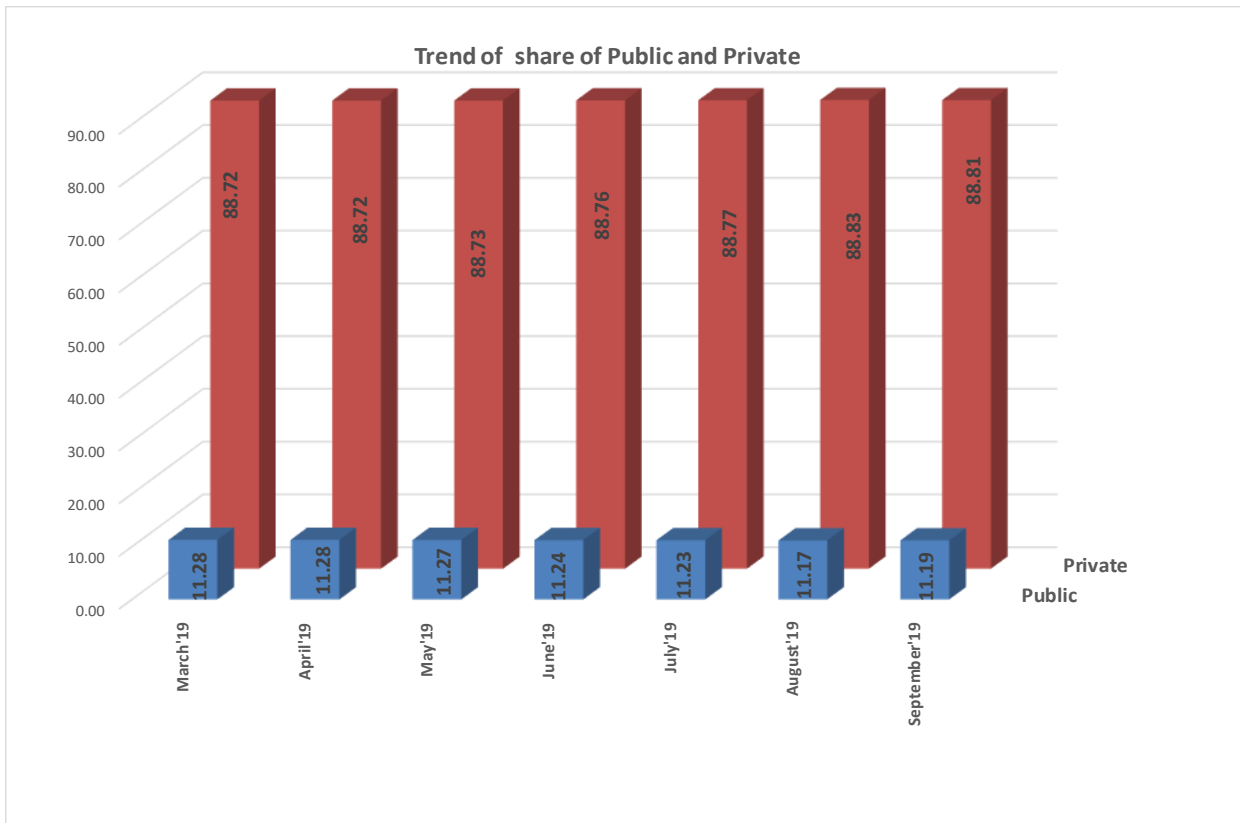
☞ The share of wireless segment in total connections stood at 98.27% by the end of September'19, while the share of wireline telephones was 1.73%.



**Telephones: Wireline vs Wireless (2019-20)**

Month	Telephones			Additions	Share% age		% age Growth		
	Wireline	Wireless	Total		Wireline	Wireless	Wireline	Wireless	Overall
<b>March'19</b>	21695946	1161711472	<b>1183407418</b>	-21974550	1.83	98.17	-0.09	-1.85	-1.82
<b>2019-20</b>									
<b>April'19</b>	21472015	1162196242	<b>1183668257</b>	260839	1.81	98.19	-1.03	0.04	0.02
<b>May'19</b>	21289148	1161730274	<b>1183019422</b>	-648835	1.80	98.20	-0.85	-0.04	-0.05
<b>June'19</b>	21169532	1165359148	<b>1186528680</b>	3509258	1.78	98.22	-0.56	0.31	0.30
<b>July'19</b>	20964717	1168315373	<b>1189280090</b>	2751410	1.76	98.24	-0.97	0.25	0.23
<b>August'19</b>	20817909	1170975049	<b>1191792958</b>	2512868	1.75	98.25	-0.70	0.23	0.21
<b>September'19</b>	20633291	1173612584	<b>1194245875</b>	2452917	1.73	98.27	-0.89	0.23	0.21

In September'19, share of public sector in total telephones was 11.19%, as against 88.81% of the private sector. In August'19, it was 11.17% and 88.83% respectively.

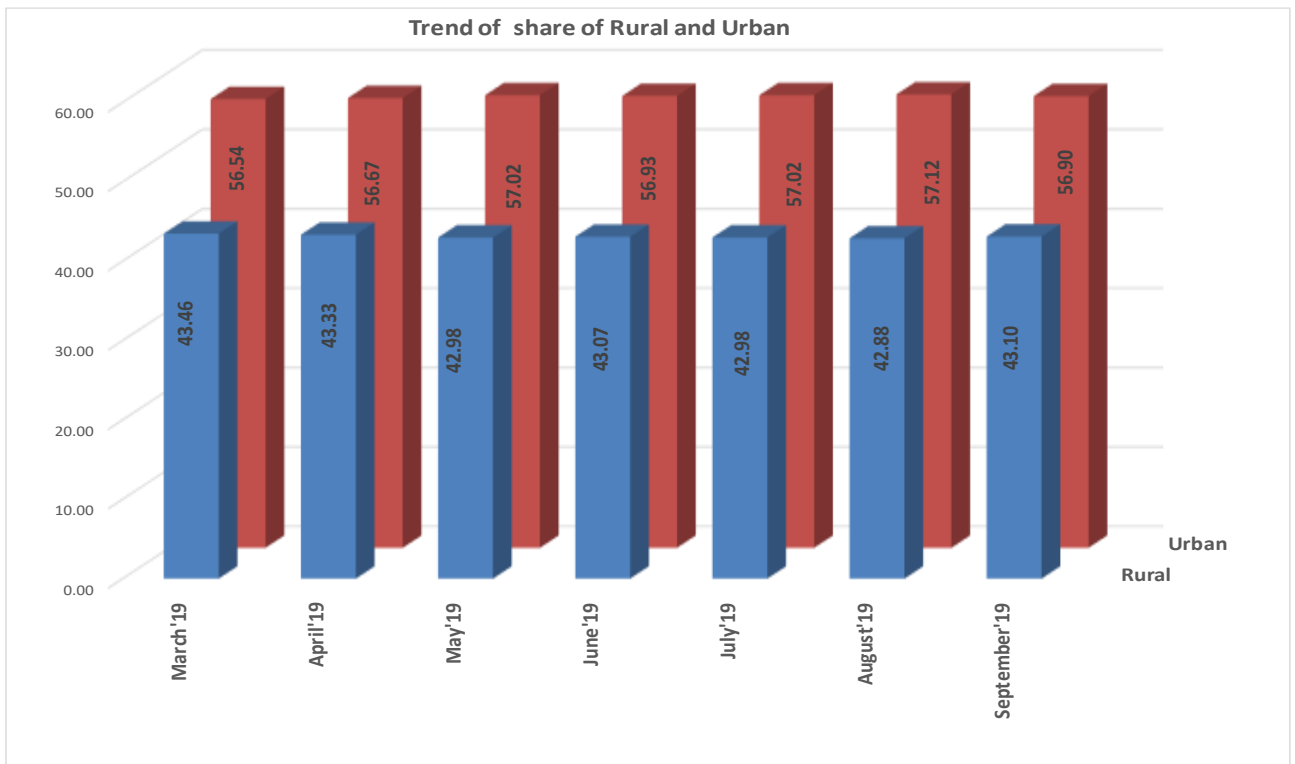


### Telephones: Public vs. Private (2019-20)

Month	Telephones			Additions		Share% age		% age Growth	
	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
March'19	133507010	1049900408	1183407418	-710623	-21263927	11.28	88.72	-0.53	-1.99
<b>2019-20</b>									
April'19	133496437	1050171820	1183668257	-10573	271412	11.28	88.72	-0.01	0.03
May'19	133274353	1049745069	1183019422	-222084	-426751	11.27	88.73	-0.17	-0.04
June'19	133389198	1053139482	1186528680	114845	3394413	11.24	88.76	0.09	0.32
July'19	133584299	1055695791	1189280090	195101	2556309	11.23	88.77	0.15	0.24
August'19	133164033	1058628925	1191792958	-420266	2933134	11.17	88.83	-0.31	0.28
September'19	133626953	1060618922	1194245875	462920	1989997	11.19	88.81	0.35	0.19



Share of rural areas in total telephones increased to 43.10% in September'19 against 42.88% of August'19. The share of urban areas, on the other hand, decreased to 56.90% from 57.12% in August'19.



### Telephones: Rural vs. Urban (2019-20)

Month	Telephones			Additions		Share% age		% age Growth	
	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
March'19	514266285	669141133	1183407418	-12160321	-9814229	43.46	56.54	-2.31	-1.45
<b>2019-20</b>									
April'19	512841024	670827233	1183668257	-1425261	1686100	43.33	56.67	-0.28	0.25
May'19	508423677	674595745	1183019422	-4417347	3768512	42.98	57.02	-0.86	0.56
June'19	511002667	675526013	1186528680	2578990	930268	43.07	56.93	0.51	0.14
July'19	511093137	678186953	1189280090	90470	2660940	42.98	57.02	0.02	0.39
August'19	510993173	680799785	1191792958	-99964	2612832	42.88	57.12	-0.02	0.39
September'19	514704170	679541705	1194245875	3710997	-1258080	43.10	56.90	0.73	-0.18

☞ Overall teledensity for the month of September'19 stood at 90.45% as against 90.34% in August'19. The Teledensity for wireless segment was 88.89% whereas that of wireline segment is 1.56%. Teledensity reported in rural areas was 57.35% and that in the urban areas was 160.71%. In Public sector, teledensity was 10.12% and in Private sector, it was 80.33% for the month of September'19.

**Tele-density (2019-20)**

Month	Teledensity (%age)						
	Rural	Urban	Overall	Wireline	Wireless	Public	Private
March'19	57.50	159.66	<b>90.10</b>	1.65	88.45	10.16	79.94
<b>2019-20</b>							
April'19	57.31	159.83	<b>90.04</b>	1.63	88.41	10.16	79.89
May'19	56.78	160.49	<b>89.91</b>	1.62	88.30	10.13	79.78
June'19	57.04	160.47	<b>90.10</b>	1.61	88.49	10.13	79.97
July'19	57.01	160.87	<b>90.23</b>	1.59	88.64	10.14	80.10
August'19	56.97	161.25	<b>90.34</b>	1.58	88.76	10.09	80.25
September'19	57.35	160.71	<b>90.45</b>	1.56	88.89	10.12	80.33



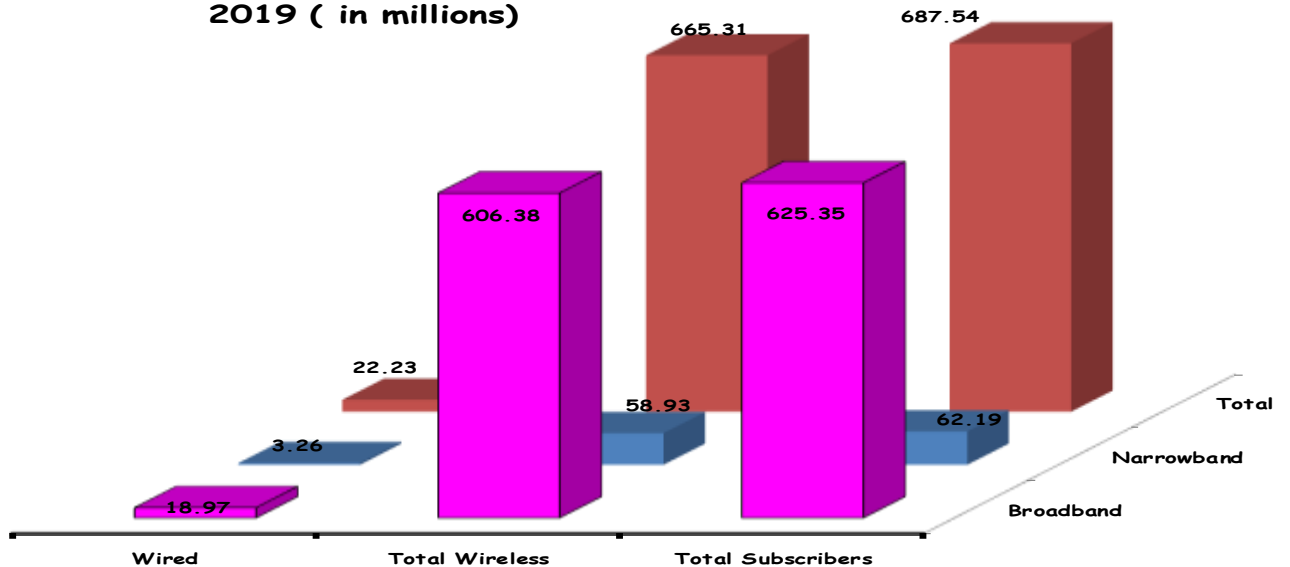
The number of Internet subscribers (both broadband and narrowband put together) which was 560.01 million at the end of September, 2018 increased to 687.54 million by the end of September '19 registering a quarterly growth of 3.34% over April- June '19. The number of subscribers accessing internet via wireless phones was 665.31 million at the end of September '19. The number of wired Internet subscribers was 22.23 million at the end of September '19.

**Trend of Internet Subscribers**

Total Internet Subscribers (Includes wired, fixed Wireless and Mobile Wireless)	September'18	December'18	March'19	June'19	September'19
	560.01	604.21	636.74	665.35	687.54
Quarterly Growth (in Percentage)	9.32	7.89	5.38	4.49	3.34

Internet Subscriber Base in India - September'19 * (in million)			
Segment	Wired	Total Wireless	Total
Broadband	18.97	606.38	625.35
Narrowband	3.26	58.93	62.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.23</b>	<b>665.31</b>	<b>687.54</b>
* As per the TRAI input			

**Internet Subscribers - September 2019 ( in millions)**



☞ The number of Broadband subscribers was 625.42 million at the end of September'19 as compared to 615.43 million in August'19, showing an increase of 1.62%.

<b>Broadband Subscribers in India * (In million)</b>				
<b>At the end of</b>	<b>Wired</b>	<b>Total Wireless</b>	<b>Total Subscribers</b>	<b>% growth</b>
<b>April'19</b>	18.41	553.53	571.94	1.53
<b>May'19</b>	18.45	563.06	581.51	1.67
<b>June'19</b>	18.42	576.17	594.59	2.25
<b>July'19</b>	18.52	585.6	604.12	1.60
<b>August'19</b>	18.32	597.11	615.43	1.87
<b>September'19</b>	19.01	606.41	625.42	1.62

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