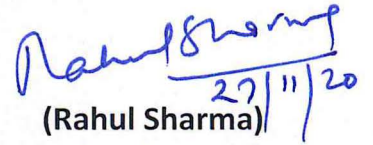


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Please find enclosed Monthly Telecom Scenario, which contains updated figures on various telecom parameters up to September'20.


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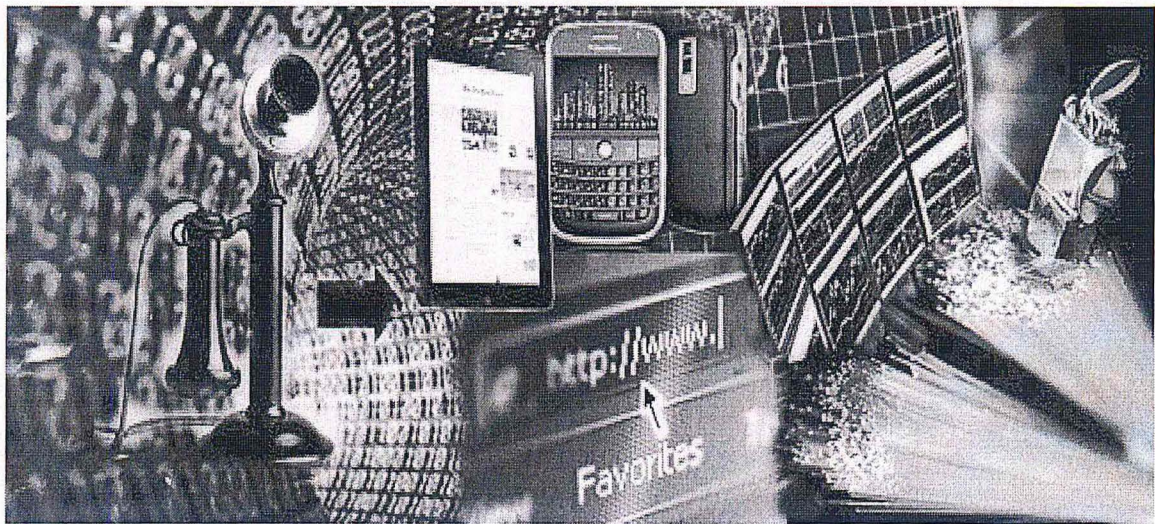
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Monthly Telecom Scenario

September'20



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Overview

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

Parameter	Unit	September'20	August'20
Total Phones		1168.50	1167.70
Wireline	million	20.05	19.82
Wireless		1148.45	1147.81
Rural		524.08	524.75
Urban		644.42	642.95
Public		132.97	133.11
Private		1035.53	1034.59
Wireline %age to Total Phones		%age	1.72
Wireless %age to Total Phones	98.28		98.30
Rural %age to Total Phones	44.85		44.94
Urban %age to Total Phones	55.15		55.06
Public %age to Total Phones	11.38		11.40
Private %age to Total Phones	88.62		88.60
Overall Teledensity		86.21	86.23
Wireline Teledensity	%age	1.48	1.47
Wireless Teledensity		84.73	84.76
Rural Teledensity		58.87	58.97
Urban Teledensity		138.52	138.43
Public		9.81	9.83
Private		76.40	76.40
Teledensity: Top five Circles			
Himachal Pradesh	%age	149.19	149.62
Kerala		128.13	128.93
Punjab		125.66	125.34
Tamil Nadu		104.63	104.48
Karnataka		103.85	103.59
Teledensity: Metros			
Delhi	%age	273.62	272.71
Kolkata		161.58	161.93
Mumbai		154.37	155.05
Broadband	million	-	716.19



At the end of September'20, the total number of telephones was 1168.50 million, compared to 1167.70 million by the end of August'20, showing an increase of 0.80 million. Maximum rise in total telephone connections was recorded in Madhya Pradesh (522164) followed by Andhra Pradesh (438750) and West Bengal (396708). However, Uttar Pradesh - [West], Maharashtra and Kerala recorded a fall in telephone connections over previous month, with a decrease of 523276, 417044 & 262063 respectively.

Total Telephones : Service Area wise							
Service Area	March'20	April'20	May'20	June'20	July'20	August'20	September'20
ANDHRA PRADESH	89071010	88329847	87914733	87664626	87747440	87877039	88315789
ASSAM	23720985	23625085	23496688	23599920	23602560	23742871	23756442
BIHAR	84882817	83634257	83961609	83848825	83682543	84402792	84473656
GUJARAT	68795414	67633631	67126020	67195439	67495914	68007790	67747626
HARYANA	27912497	27719208	27531387	27506776	27483715	27652418	27595641
HIMACHAL PRADESH	10888377	10842518	10784560	10830829	10907223	11028384	11001241
JAMMU & KASHMIR	11981508	11941080	11908060	11930385	11993396	11800188	11884190
KARNATAKA	69723665	69077009	68884330	68805760	68667440	68971953	69191678
KERALA	44975881	44603361	44752977	45086306	45304263	45725284	45463221
MADHYA PRADESH	75853270	75480096	75201048	75185837	75958588	75950126	76472290
MAHARASHTRA	94112503	92780602	92563331	92592081	92688193	93486246	93069202
NORTH-EAST	12113540	12007582	11971270	11973775	11974933	12022679	12088161
ORISSA	33532979	33324727	33242332	33176103	33298232	33477040	33509437
PUNJAB	39834984	39566329	39372192	39200978	39301854	39382218	39508617
RAJASTHAN	65984515	65471743	65107961	64845476	65086052	65383200	65637409
TAMIL NADU	83801347	83111811	82693003	82447482	82425426	81265670	81416679
UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	97123954	98312188	98271430	98270075	99694939	98292059	98140262
UTTAR PRADESH - [West]	63629734	63069092	62569875	62338977	62192250	62767320	62244044
WEST BENGAL	55238012	55242998	54834178	54986317	54819250	54669253	55065961
KOLKATA	26351958	26165604	26014606	26013609	26533704	26829045	26792101
DELHI	56577704	56005982	55566974	55327068	55480858	55583189	55856607
MUMBAI	40688011	40276261	39810072	39531122	39223914	39378855	39269202
TOTAL	1176794665	1168221011	1163578636	1162357766	1165562687	1167695619	1168499456

1 Source: BSNL/MTNL/COAI



Service area-wise analysis reveals that Uttar Pradesh - [East] had the highest share in the total telephones (8.40%) followed by Maharashtra (7.96%), Andhra Pradesh (7.56%), Bihar (7.23%) and Tamil Nadu (6.97%). These five Service areas taken together accounted for 38.12% of total telephone connections in India.

Telephones during the month of September'20				
Service Area	Wireline	Wireless	Total Phones	%age Share Total Phones
ANDHRA PRADESH	1350019	86965770	88315789	7.56
ASSAM	116685	23639757	23756442	2.03
BIHAR	191697	84281959	84473656	7.23
GUJARAT	960336	66787290	67747626	5.80
HARYANA	235916	27359725	27595641	2.36
HIMACHAL PRADESH	92354	10908887	11001241	0.94
JAMMU & KASHMIR	155279	11728911	11884190	1.02
KARNATAKA	2182140	67009538	69191678	5.92
KERALA	1409704	44053517	45463221	3.89
MADHYA PRADESH	658596	75813694	76472290	6.54
MAHARASHTRA	1319856	91749346	93069202	7.96
NORTH-EAST	93411	11994750	12088161	1.03
ORISSA	202294	33307143	33509437	2.87
PUNJAB	683067	38825550	39508617	3.38
RAJASTHAN	475421	65161988	65637409	5.62
TAMIL NADU	1958745	79457934	81416679	6.97
UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	365778	97774484	98140262	8.40
UTTAR PRADESH - [West]	285996	61958048	62244044	5.33
WEST BENGAL	207040	54858921	55065961	4.71
KOLKATA	680399	26111702	26792101	2.29
DELHI	3362350	52494257	55856607	4.78
MUMBAI	3064712	36204490	39269202	3.36
TOTAL	20051795	1148447661	1168499456	100.00

1 Source: BSNL/MTNL/COAI

☞ The overall tele-density at the end of September'20 stood at 86.21%. Among the Service areas, Himachal Pradesh (149.19%) had the highest tele-density followed by Kerala (128.13%), Punjab (125.66%), Tamil Nadu (104.63%) and Karnataka (103.85%). Among the three metros, Delhi Service Area topped in tele-density with 273.62%, followed by Kolkata (161.58%) and Mumbai (154.37%).

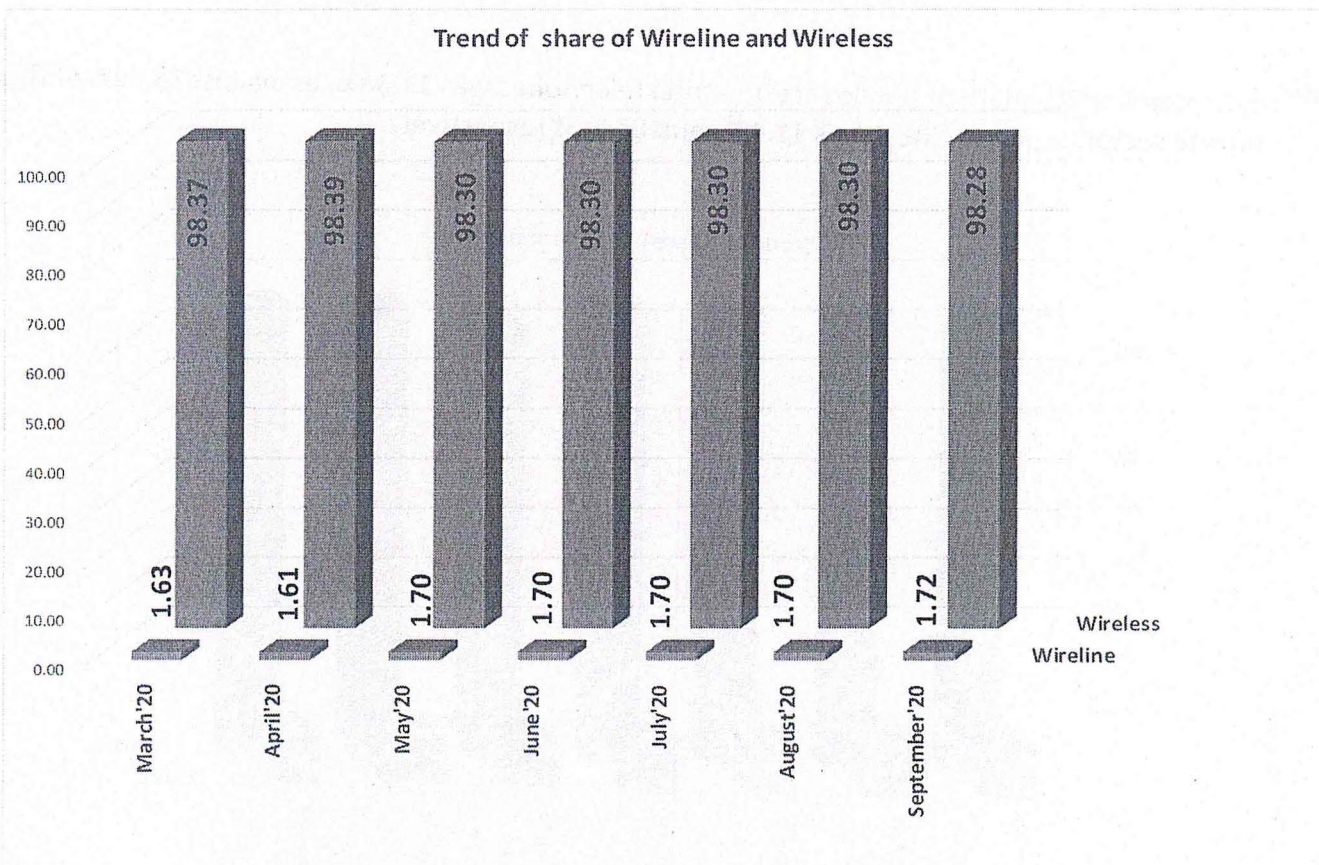
Teledensity : Service Area wise (in %age)

Service Area	March'20	April'20	May'20	June'20	July'20	August'20	September'20
ANDHRA PRADESH	97.88	98.07	97.56	97.24	97.28	97.38	97.81
ASSAM	70.01	68.02	67.59	67.83	67.78	68.12	68.10
BIHAR	59.04	52.39	52.54	52.40	52.23	52.62	52.60
GUJARAT	103.51	96.56	95.72	95.71	96.02	96.64	96.16
HARYANA	96.14	95.11	94.35	94.16	93.97	94.44	94.14
HIMACHAL PRADESH	148.85	147.42	146.55	147.10	148.06	149.62	149.19
JAMMU & KASHMIR	92.91	87.69	87.39	87.50	87.90	86.43	86.99
KARNATAKA	108.19	104.02	103.66	103.47	103.20	103.59	103.85
KERALA	123.19	125.98	126.35	127.23	127.79	128.93	128.13
MADHYA PRADESH	69.40	66.95	66.63	66.54	67.15	67.07	67.45
MAHARASHTRA	91.55	92.97	92.70	92.68	92.72	93.47	93.00
NORTH-EAST	83.37	78.27	77.97	77.92	77.87	78.11	78.48
ORISSA	76.58	75.94	75.73	75.55	75.80	76.18	76.23
PUNJAB	123.52	126.27	125.57	124.94	125.17	125.34	125.66
RAJASTHAN	85.88	83.47	82.91	82.49	82.71	83.00	83.23
TAMIL NADU	115.45	107.03	106.45	106.09	106.02	104.48	104.63
UTTAR PRADESH - [East]	66.20	67.32	67.02	66.85	67.31	66.90	66.54
UTTAR PRADESH - [West]							
WEST BENGAL	67.80	67.23	66.70	66.85	66.62	66.41	66.86
KOLKATA	159.69	158.44	157.40	157.26	160.28	161.93	161.58
DELHI	236.98	276.49	273.89	272.29	272.62	272.71	273.62
MUMBAI	161.48	159.59	157.50	156.14	154.68	155.05	154.37
TOTAL	88.66	86.57	86.15	85.98	86.14	86.23	86.21

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.

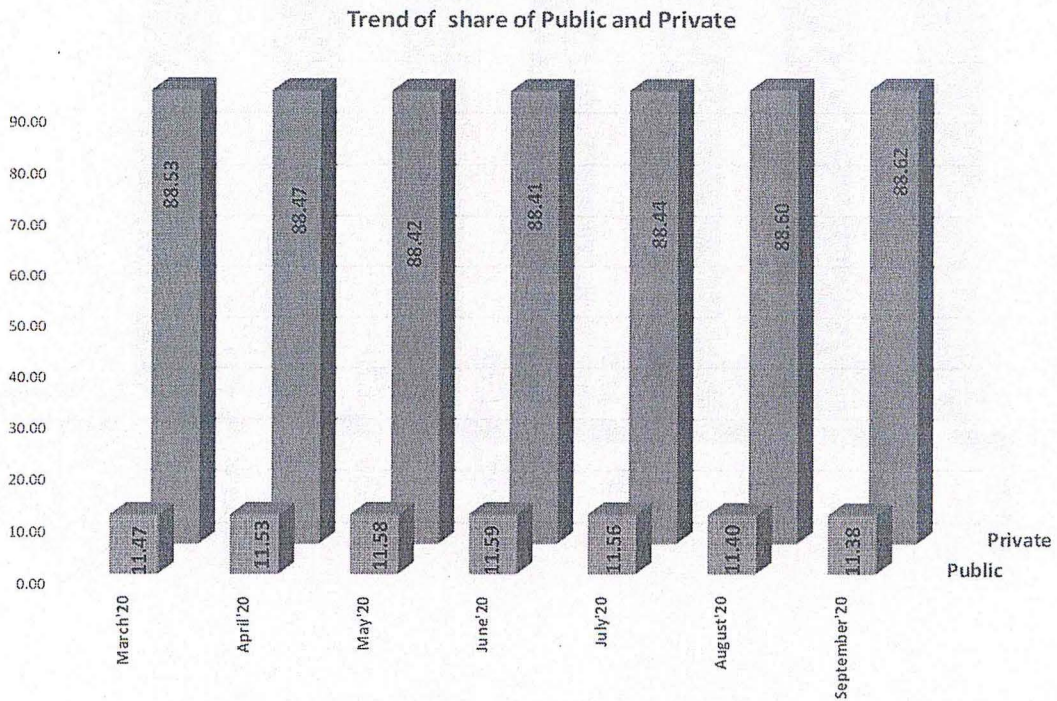
☞ The share of wireless segment in total connections stood at 98.28% by the end of September'20, while the share of wireline telephones was 1.72%.



Telephones: Wireline vs Wireless

Month	Telephones			Additions	Share% age		% age Growth		
	Wireline	Wireless	Total		Wireline	Wireless	Wireline	Wireless	Overall
March'20	19127410	1157667255	1176794665	-2870547	1.63	98.37	-0.31	-0.24	-0.24
2020-21									
April'20	18778207	1149442804	1168221011	-8573654	1.61	98.39	-1.83	-0.71	-0.73
May'20	19766621	1143812015	1163578636	-4642375	1.70	98.30	5.26	-0.49	-0.40
June'20	19810552	1142547214	1162357766	-1220870	1.70	98.30	0.22	-0.11	-0.10
July'20	19820419	1145742268	1165562687	3204921	1.70	98.30	0.05	0.28	0.28
August'20	19887367	1147808252	1167695619	2132932	1.70	98.30	0.34	0.18	0.18
September'20	20051795	1148447661	1168499456	803837	1.72	98.28	0.83	0.06	0.07

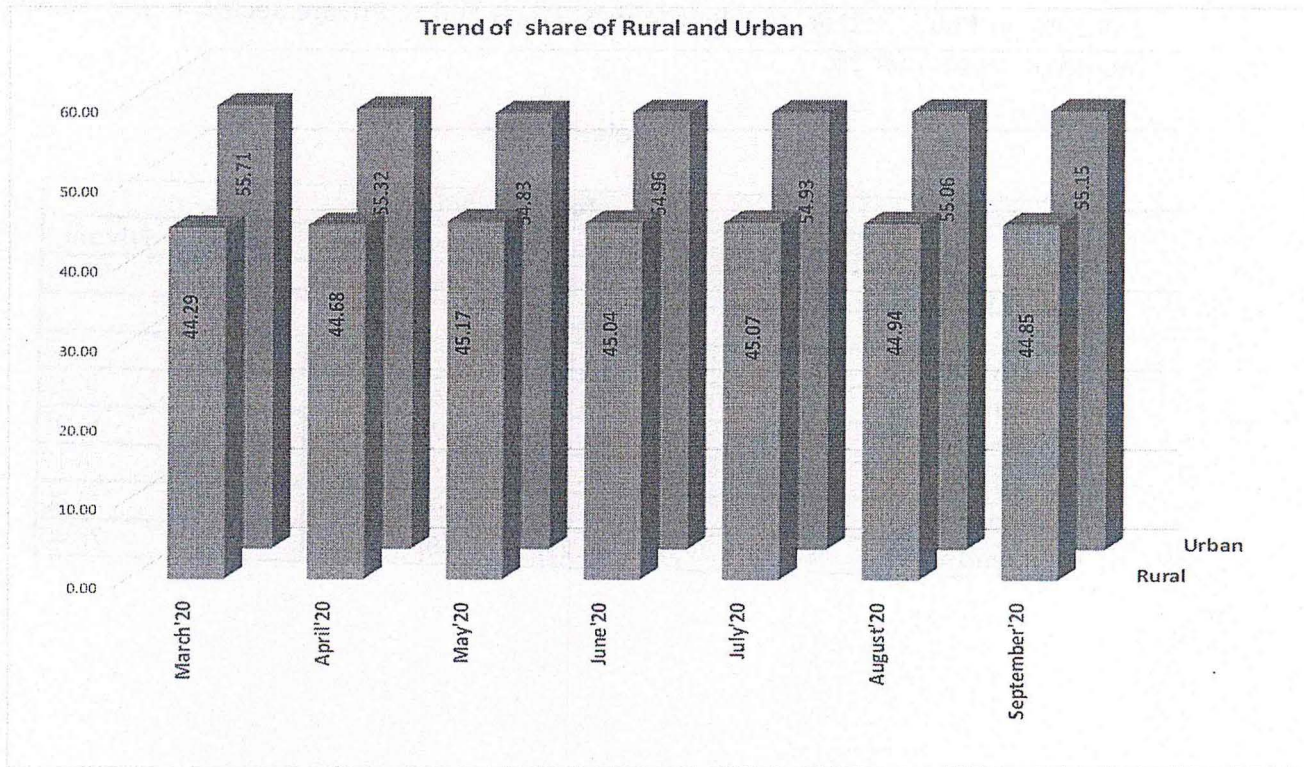
☞ In September'20, share of public sector in total telephones was 11.38%, as against 88.62% of the private sector. In August'20, it was 11.40% and 88.60% respectively.



Telephones: Public vs. Private

Month	Telephones			Additions		Share% age		% age Growth	
	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
March'20	134971964	1041822701	1176794665	8746	-2879293	11.47	88.53	0.01	-0.28
2020-21									
April'20	134719111	1033501900	1168221011	-252853	-8320801	11.53	88.47	-0.19	-0.80
May'20	134763291	1028815345	1163578636	44180	-4686555	11.58	88.42	0.03	-0.45
June'20	134766070	1027591696	1162357766	2779	-1223649	11.59	88.41	0.00	-0.12
July'20	134709044	1030853643	1165562687	-57026	3261947	11.56	88.44	-0.04	0.32
August'20	133114406	1034581213	1167695619	-1594638	3727570	11.40	88.60	-1.18	0.36
September'20	132965468	1035533988	1168499456	-148938	952775	11.38	88.62	-0.11	0.09

Share of rural areas in total telephones decreased to 44.85% in September'20 against 44.94% of August'20. The share of urban areas, on the other hand, increased to 55.15% from 55.06% in August'20.



Telephones: Rural vs. Urban

Month	Telephones			Additions		Share% age		% age Growth	
	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
March'20	521255947	655538718	1176794665	3920013	-6790560	44.29	55.71	0.76	-1.03
2020-21									
April'20	521996276	646224735	1168221011	740329	-9313983	44.68	55.32	0.14	-1.42
May'20	525558491	638020145	1163578636	3562215	-8204590	45.17	54.83	0.68	-1.27
June'20	523534507	638823259	1162357766	-2023984	803114	45.04	54.96	-0.39	0.13
July'20	525372980	640189707	1165562687	1838473	1366448	45.07	54.93	0.35	0.21
August'20	524748650	642946969	1167695619	-624330	2757262	44.94	55.06	-0.12	0.43
September'20	524083184	644416272	1168499456	-665466	1469303	44.85	55.15	-0.13	0.23

Overall teledensity for the month of September'20 stood at 86.21% as against 86.23% in August'20. The Teledensity for wireless segment was 84.73% whereas that of wireline segment is 1.48%. Teledensity reported in rural areas was 58.87% and that in the urban areas was 138.52%. In Public sector, teledensity was 9.81% and in Private sector, it was 76.40% for the month of September'20.

Tele-density

Month	Teledensity (%age)						
	Rural	Urban	Overall	Wireline	Wireless	Public	Private
March'20	57.87	153.68	88.66	1.44	87.22	10.17	78.49
2020-21							
April'20	58.77	140.02	86.57	1.39	85.18	9.98	76.58
May'20	59.15	138.06	86.15	1.46	84.68	9.98	76.17
June'20	58.89	138.00	85.98	1.47	84.52	9.97	76.01
July'20	59.07	138.07	86.14	1.46	84.68	9.96	76.19
August'20	58.97	138.43	86.23	1.47	84.76	9.83	76.40
September'20	58.87	138.52	86.21	1.48	84.73	9.81	76.40

The number of Internet subscribers (both broadband and narrowband put together) which was 636.74 million at the end of March'19 increased to 749.07 million by the end of June'20 registering a quarterly growth of 3.40% over October-december'18. The number of subscribers accessing internet via wireless phones was 726.01 million at the end of June'20. The number of wired Internet subscribers was 23.06 million at the end of June'20.

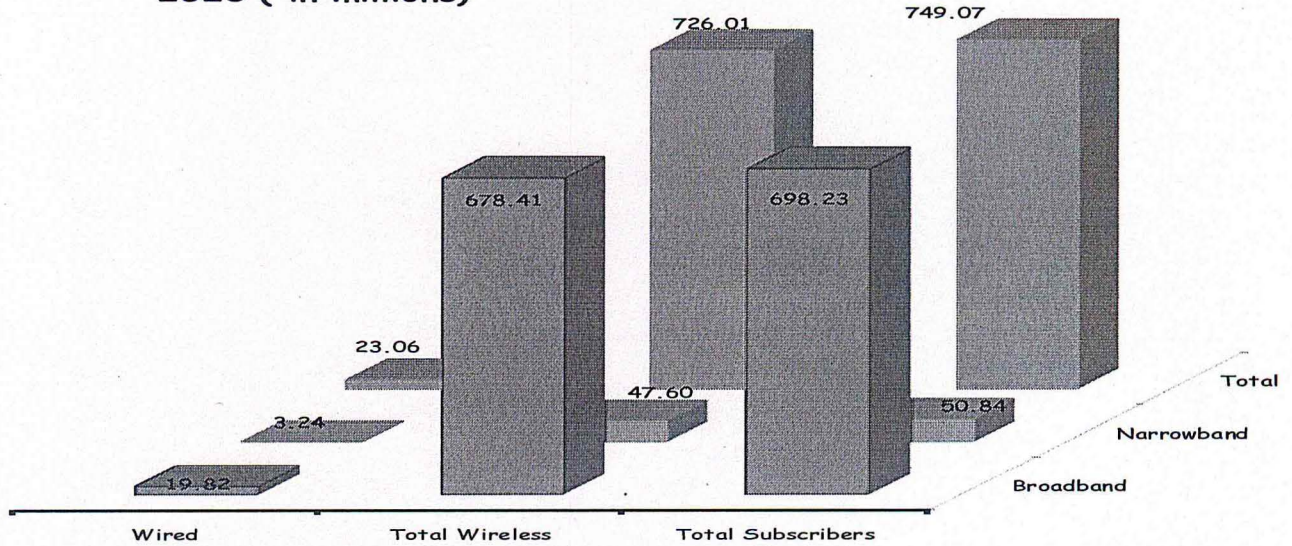
Trend of Internet Subscribers

Trends of Internet Subscribers (in million)						
Total Internet Subscribers (Includes wired, fixed Wireless and Mobile Wireless)	March'19	June'19	September'19	December'19	March'20	June'20
	636.74	665.35	687.63	718.75	743.19	749.07
Quarterly Growth (in Percentage)	5.38	4.49	3.35	4.53	3.40	0.79

Internet Subscriber Base in India - June'20* (in million)			
Segment	Wired	Total Wireless	Total
Broadband	19.82	678.41	698.23
Narrowband	3.24	47.60	50.84
Total	23.06	726.01	749.07

* As per the TRAI input — Source — TRAI

Internet Subscribers - June 2020 (in millions)



☞ The number of Broadband subscribers was 716.19 million at the end of August'20 as compared to 705.41 million in July'20, showing an increase of 1.53%.

Broadband Subscribers in India (In millions)				
At the end of	Wired	Total Wireless	Total Subscribers	% growth
October'19	19.08	625.00	644.08	2.98
November'19	19.13	642.14	661.27	2.67
December'19	19.14	642.8	661.94	0.10
January'20	19.08	654.31	673.39	1.73
February'20	19.07	662.03	681.10	1.14
March'20	19.18	668.26	687.44	0.93
April'20	19.02	657.12	676.14	-1.64
May'20	19.38	664.39	683.77	1.13
June'20	19.82	678.41	698.23	2.11
July'20	20.13	685.28	705.41	1.03
August'20	20.47	695.72	716.19	1.53
