सत्यमेव जयते

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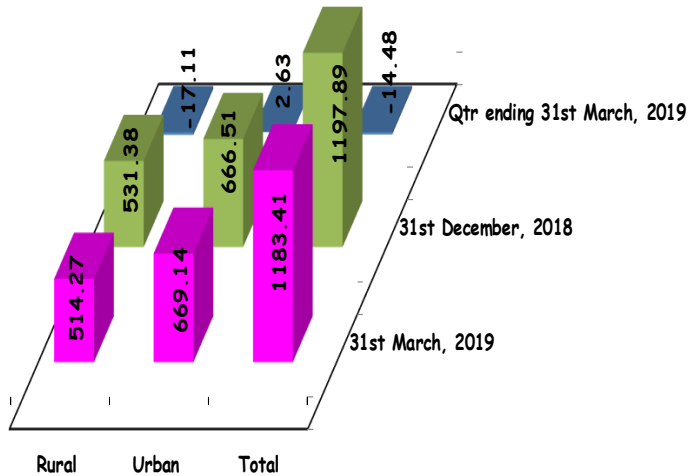# Quarterly Newsletter
(January – March 2019)

Highlights of major developments in the Telecom sector as well as initiatives by the DoT, during the quarter ending **January-March, 2019**, are given in the following sections.
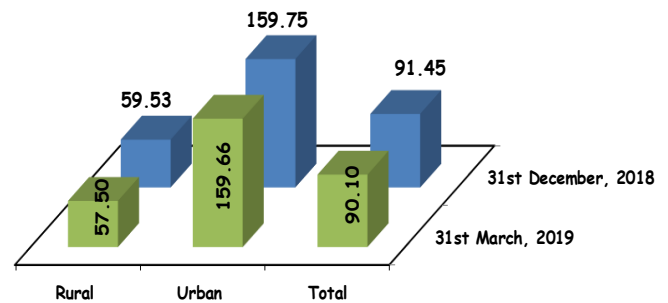
I. TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AND TELEDENSITY

(i) The number of telephones stood at 1183.41 million as on 31st March, 2019 against 1197.89 million on 31st December, 2018. This implies a decrease of 14.48 million during the period, attributed to a decrease in number of telephones in the private sector by 15.41 million during the period.

The tele-density, which was 91.45% in the beginning of the quarter reduced to 90.10% by the end of the March 2019.

Telephones

Rural   Urban   Total

514.27   669.14   1183.41   (31st March, 2019)
531.38   666.51   1197.89   (31st December, 2018)
-17.11   2.63   -14.48   (Qtr ending 31st March, 2019)

Tele-density

159.75

59.53   91.45

57.50   159.66   90.10

Rural   Urban   Total

31st December, 2018
31st March, 2019

(ii) The preference for use of wireless is reflected in the share of wireless phones, which reached 98.17% (1161.71 million) as on 31st March, 2019. On the other hand, the share of wire line was 1.83% (21.70 million) as on 31st March, 2019.

(iii) In public sector, there was a slight increase of 0.93 million phones during the quarter ending March,2019. However, in private sector there was a decrease of 15.41 million phones during the same period. The public sector had 133.51 million (11.28%) phones as against 1049.90 million (88.72%)phones of the private sector as on 31st March, 2019.

(iv) As on 31st March, 2019, the share of urban was 56.54% (669.14 million) compared to 43.46%(514.27 million) of rural areas. The rural tele-density stands at 57.50% as compared to the urban tele-density of 159.66% as on 31st March, 2019.

II.   **INTERNET PENETRATION**

 (i) Internet usage in the country is on a steady growth path. The number of Internet subscribers (both broadband and narrowband put together) which was 493.95 million at the end of March'18 has increased to 604.21 million by the end of December, 2018, registering a quarterly growth of 7.89% over the quarter of September,2018.

 (ii) The number of subscribers accessing internet via wireless phones etc. was 582.79 million and there were 21.42 million wired internet subscribers at the end of December, 2018. Wireless internet subscribers constitute 96.45% of the total internet subscribers.

 (iii) The number of Broadband subscribers, which was 525.35 million at the end of 31st December'18, increased to 563.31 million as on 31st March '19 with an increase of 37.95 million registering a quarterly growth of 7.22%.

III.   **Activities of DoT (January - March, 2019)**

- 8th January,2019 - Hon'ble MOSC (I/C) inaugurated one-day Conference on "M2M- IoT enabling Smart Infrastructure" in presence of Secretary, Dot in New Delhi. The event organised by Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC).

Two new technical reports on 'Design and Planning of Smart Cities with IOT/ICT' and 'Security in M2M/IOT domain' were released on the occasion.

The Report on 'Design and Planning of Smart Cities with IOT/ICT' attempts to synergize multiple disciplines for the implementation and delivery of greater citizen experiences while the Report on 'Security in M2M/IOT domain' provides guidance to industry for end to end security, safety and privacy related issues for IOT ecosystem.

- Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Civil Aviation and MOSC (I/C) inaugurated India Telecom 2019 -An exclusive International ICT B2B Expo in New Delhi on 12th February,2019. 145 delegates from 37 countries took part in the event.

- In India Telecom-2019, Secretary, DoT , H.E. Evelyne Butoyi, Hon'ble Minister of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies, Burundi & H. E. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of state, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia addressing the India Telecom-2019.

- A delegation of DoT, India led by Secretary, DoT met H.E. Dr Amr Talaat, Minister of Communications & IT and H. E. Khalee El Kattar, Vice Minister-Digital Transformation Automation & Admin Development and senior officials of MoCIT of Egypt to discuss the matters of mutual interests.

- Celebrating World Hearing Day –DoT has license exempted operation of Assistive Listening Devices in 169 MHz band for promoting ear and hearing care in India.

- Highlights of Inauguration of SAMPANN

The Government of India under the leadership of the Honourable Prime Minister has been actively pursuing the objectives of "Minimum Government, Maximum Governance" envisaging Paperless, Cashless and Faceless services across the country, especially in rural and remote parts of India.

In order to mitigate the problems faced by pensioners, *Controller General of Communications Accounts*-Department of Telecommunication has introduced a seamless pension processing system through **SAMPANN or System for Accounting and Management of Pension".** SAMPANN is brand name for Comprehensive Pension Management System inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 29th December ,2018 at Varanasi. Also, to improve physical outreach to the pensioners, sub-office of CCA, UP (East) at Varanasi was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

SAMPANN integrates the processing, sanctioning, authorisation and payment units under a common platform and facilitate direct credit of pension to the accounts of pensioners. The department has become Pension Disbursement Authority (PDA), in addition to its role as Pension Sanctioning and Authorization authority.

SAMPANN has brought the following benefits to the pensioners**: -**

➢   Direct disbursement of pension on timely basis without intermediaries
➢   Single window system for complete pension process
➢   Online grievance management for the pensioners reduces paper work
➢   Tracking of pension status from home encourages transparency and accountability
➢   Faster processing of arrears and revision of pension

As on 1.4.19, it has been successfully rolled out in 12 Telecom circles in the following phases: -

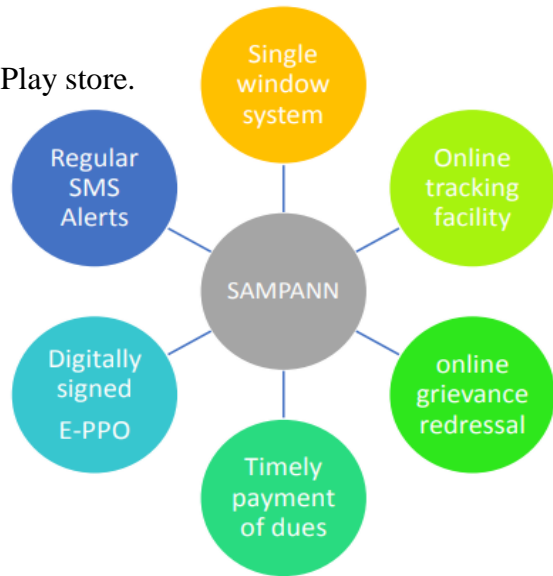| Phase	Telecom Circle	Date of Effect
Phase I	7 Telecom Circles (U.P (East), U.P (West), Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh)	01.01.19
Phase II	5 Telecom Circles (Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, West Bengal, J & K and Delhi)	01.02.19

Features of SAMPANN

Sampann App is also available on Google Play store.

Using the APP, a pensioner can:

➢ Track pension

➢ View ePPO

➢ Lodge and track of grievances

➢ View monthly Statement

➢ Stay Updated

For any information, users can access through www.dotpension.gov.in.

Single window system

Online tracking facility

Regular SMS Alerts

SAMPANN

online grievance redressal

Digitally signed E-PPO

Timely payment of dues

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