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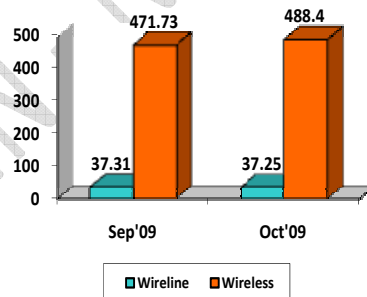
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I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – OCTOBER 2009](#)

- Total Telephone subscriber base reaches 525.65 Million
- Wireless Subscription reaches 488.40 Million
- 16.67 million Wireless Subscribers added.
- Broadband subscriber number reaches 7.40 million mark.
- Tele-density reaches 44.87% mark.

Subscriber Data - Sep'09 to Oct'09



Subscribers in mn

	Sep'09	Oct'09
Wireline	37.31	37.25
Wireless	471.73	488.40
Total	494.07	525.65

Source: TRAI

Subscribers in mn

	Sep'09	Oct'09
Broadband	7.21	7.40

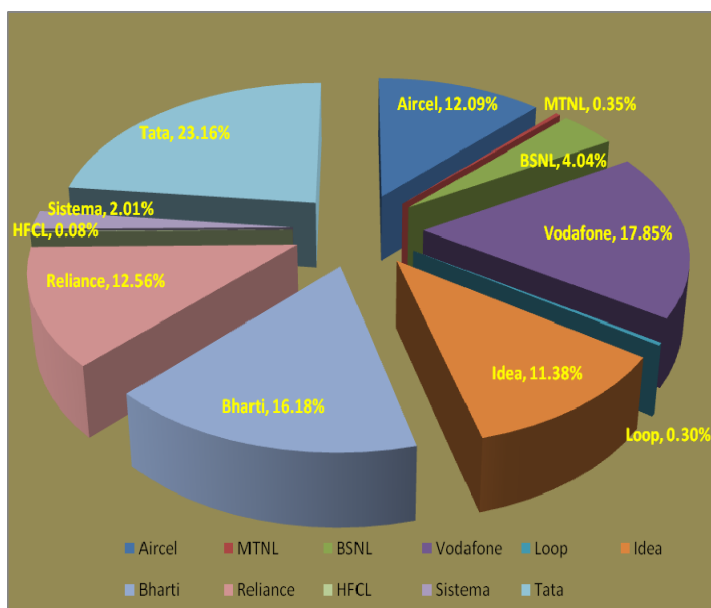
Source: TRAI

II. [TELEDENSITY](#)

	Sep'09	Oct'09
Total (%)	43.50	44.87

Source: TRAI

III. WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NET ADDITIONS DURING OCTOBER 2009



Source: TRAI

IV. TELECOMMUNICATION CONSUMERS EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND

On November 26, 2009, TRAI placed on its website Audit of accounts of Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund for the financial year 2008-2009.

Please click here to view
<http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReadData/trai/upload/misc/122/TCEPF.pdf>

V. MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY.

On November 20, 2009, TRAI issued Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability Per Port Transaction Charge and Dipping Charge Regulations, 2009 (9 of 2009) and the Telecommunication Tariff (Forty-Ninth Amendment) Order, 2009, fixing the various charges for Mobile Number Portability with effective from 31st December 2009:

- a. The Per Port Transaction charge shall be Rs.19/-
- b. The Dipping charge is on mutual negotiation between the telecom service providers and the respective MNP service providers.

- c. Porting charge shall not be more than the per port transaction charge i.e. Rs 19/-. The operators are free to charge any amount less than or equal to this charge

Please click here to view:
http://www.trai.gov.in/PressReleases_content.asp

VI. CONSULTATION PAPER ON OVERALL SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT AND REVIEW OF LICENSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Responses, Counter Comments and Additional Comments received from various stake holders, Industry Associations etc on Consultation Paper on Overall Spectrum Management and review of license terms and conditions dated 16th October is placed on TRAI's website

Please click here to view
http://www.trai.gov.in/ConsultationPapers_content.asp

VII. FINANCIAL DATA

On November 4, 2009 TRAI Placed on Its website Financial Data pertaining to Gross Revenue, Adjusted Gross Revenue, License Fee & Spectrum Charges in respect of the Telecom Service Providers for the Quarter Ending September, 2009

VIII. TRAI OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSIONS

TRAI Open House Discussions on "Overall Spectrum Management and Review of License Terms and Conditions" commenced on 30th November 2009 at PHD House, New Delhi.

IX. TRAI LETTERS

- A. TRAI vide letter no. 323-7/2009-CA dated 25th November 2009 intimated about the Regional Workshop on Consumer Education and Capacity Building of CAGs 2009 (Western Region) at Indore on 18th December 2009.
- B. TRAI memo no. 409-14/2008-FN dated 4th November 2009 requesting Industry Associations to submitted consolidated total rural subscriber base achieved by all the service providers till now.

X. DOT LETTERS

- A. WPC letter no. T-11024/03/2003-CON dated 23rd November 2009 informed about the Second Meeting of NFAP-2010 Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Wireless Advisor on 10 December 2009 at 1500 hrs at Conference Hall, 13th Floor, Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi

XI. DOT MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

- A. 2nd Steering Committee Meeting of India Telecom 2009 was held on 11th November 2009 at Committee Room, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- B. Auction For 3G and BWA Spectrum - Pre-Bid Conference was held on 16th November 2009 at Mantra, The Park New Delhi.

XII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On November 30, 2009 AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG (AS-II) seeking clarification if the Genuine IMEI implant program could continue beyond 30th Nov 09.
- B. On November 27, 2009 AUSPI submitted its suggestions for Budget 2010-11 regarding changes in Direct and Indirect to Jt. Secretary (TRU), Ministry of Finance.
- C. AUSPI Counter Comments on TRAI's Consultation Paper on Overall Spectrum Management and review of license terms and conditions dated 16th October was submitted to TRAI on 19th November 2009.
- D. On November 13, 2009 AUSPI submitted Questions for Clarifications on 3G / BW Auctions for pre-bid conference to Secretary (T), DoT.
- E. AUSPI response to TRAI Consultation Paper on Overall Spectrum Management and review of license terms and conditions dated 16th October was submitted to TRAI on 12th November 2009.
- F. On November 11, 2009 AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT requesting

defraying for depositing Bid Amount for Spectrum Auction.

- G. On November 10, 2009, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) DoT requesting extension of cutoff date for implanting IMEI on non-genuine handset by three months instead of 30th November 2009.
- H. On November 5, 2009, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman TRAI on Implementation of Mobile Portability. Through its letter AUSPI requested the Authority to resolve all open issues like Porting Charges, Porting Process, Dispute resolution, Inter-operator Testing Schedule, Process for LEA of ported numbers, Operator codes, Interface specifications, Commercial agreement Connectivity etc to ensure timely implementation of MNP.

Similar letter was also being submitted to Secretary (T).

- I. On November 3, 2009, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) DOT on settlement of important policy issues under consideration of Government / TRAI before 3G/BWA Spectrum Auction.

AUSPI requested that the 3G spectrum auction be considered only after the TRAI review of UAS licensing conditions is completed as the current UASL conditions cannot be amended without TRAI recommendations.

- J. On November 3, 2009, AUSPI submitted a list of pending issues which are of utmost importance for the telecom service industry to Hon'ble Minister of Communication & IT for discussion during the meeting called by MOCIT with CEOs of Telecom Companies.

XIII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER

- A. On November 25, 2009, Industry Associations submitted Information on the benefits provided to Rural Subscribers by Member Service Providers to TRAI.

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B. On November 18, 2009, Industry Associations submitted a letter to TRAI seeking time till 31st January, 2010 from the Authority for implementation of the TRAI's direction on VAS dated 27th April and subsequent amendment dated 4th Sept. 2009.

C. On November 9, 2009, a Joint Industry Letter was submitted to Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry on Eligibility of Telecom Exports Income for SFIS under the Foreign Trade Policy 2009- 20014 .

Industry Associations requested Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry to review SFIS under Foreign Trade Policy 2009-2014 and reinstate provision of SFIS for Telecom Service Providers which was available under the previous FTP 2004-2009.

D. On November 3, 2009, a Joint Industry Letter was submitted to Secretary (T) on the issue of Imposition of Sales Tax on the telecom services using optical fibre by Government of Karnataka.

XIV. ACT LETTER

A. On November 10, 2009, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (Security) on the list of Authorised documents for subscriber verification.

Through this letter ACT sought clarification from DOT that Documents accepted as valid as per earlier DOT directives will not be termed as invalid and negative in audits by the TERM cells and A bank statement (not older than three months) will be acceptable as proof of address.

ACT also requested DOT to issue clear instructions to the TERM Cells on list of Authorised documents accepted for subscriber verification.

B. On November 10, 2009, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (Security) on Imposition of penalty for violation of terms and conditions of License Agreement in Punjab Service Area, based on the sample verification of subscriber carried out by Additional Director General of Police, Intelligence, Chandigarh.

C. On November 10, 2009, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (Security) on requirement of Photograph of Customers on CAF (Customer Acquisition Forms) for Acquisition between Nov 2001 & May 2005.

XV. AUSPI MEETINGS & OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

A. AUSPI MEETINGS

➤ On 18th November 2009 AUSPI members met in connection with submission of counter comments on TRAI consultation paper on Spectrum Related Issues.

➤ On 12th November 2009 AUSPI members met in connection with AUSPI response to submitted on TRAI consultation paper on Spectrum Related Issues.

➤ On 9th November 2009 AUSPI members met in connection with Draft response to on TRAI consultation paper on Spectrum Related Issues

B. ACT MEETINGS

➤ A Sub-Committee was formed under ACT to look into SOP & Unique Dealer Identification Number. First meeting of the sub-committee was held on 27th November 2009 at COAI office.

➤ Meeting of the Industry Associations was held on 27th November 2009 at COAI office to have discussions on Paper on GST, Pre-Budget Memorandum & SFIS Issues.

➤ ACT meeting was held on 20th November 2009 at COAI office to discuss various issues like suspension of sale of prepaid connections in J&K, imposition of penalty in Punjab Circle Area, ACT workshop for subscriber verification, Unique Dealer Identification and Registration of ACT as a Society.

C. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

➤ 4th workshop on Migration from IPV4 to IPV6 in India was held on 27th November 2009 at Mumbai.

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- Regional Workshop on Capacity Building of CAGs and Consumer Education (Eastern Region) was held on 20th November 2009 at Bhubaneswar.
- Broadband Tech India 2009 was held on 18th November 2009 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.
- A lecture on "Building an Equitable Agreement on Climate Change" by ICRIER was held on 9th November 2009 at The Imperial Hotel, New Delhi.
- CII Seminar on Network Centricity and National Security was held on 4th & 5th December 2009 at DSRDO Bhwan, New Delhi.

XVI. LD Revenues for the QTR ending Sep-09

	Gross Revenue (Rs. Crores)	AGR (Rs. Crores)
NLD	4494.38	3535.69
ILD	2128.52	982.09

Source: TRAI

XVII. TELECOM BYTES

➤ In the year 2008-09 Private sector investment in the telecom sector stood at Rs. 1,88,499 crores whereas in the year ended March 2007 it was Rs. 1,05,448 Crores.

Source: Response to a Question in Lok Sabha by MOS (C&IT)

➤ Consumers will be at the core of the European Union's 2015 action plan for the future of the digital economy, which the EU institutions are beginning to shape and plan to deliver by spring 2010.

Protection of users' rights will be a key element of future EU policies in the field of information and communication technology (ICT), according to the converging initial plans of different EU institutions

Courtesy: Telecom News.com

View on AUSPI website www.auspi.in

➤ Number of Mobile Devices Accessing the Internet Expected to Surpass One Billion by 2013

Some of the popular online activities through mobile devices today include accessing news and search engine Web sites, downloading multimedia files and exchanging e-mail and instant messages.

Source: IDC News Release

➤ Danish Scientists says that 'Mobile phones 'have not increased brain cancers. There has been no substantial change in the number of adult brain tumours since mobile phone usage sharply increased in the mid-1990s. cancer rates had not altered from the period before mobiles were introduced. A biological mechanism that could explain the potential effects of mobile phone radiation has not been identified.

Source: BBC News

➤ Dr. T. E. Van Deventer, Scientist on behalf of WHO in communication dated 04.08.2009 to Commissioner, MCD opined that considering the very low exposure level and research results collected to date, there is no convincing scientific evidence that the weak R.F. Signals from base stations and wireless networks cause adverse health effect.

Source: MCD Tower Policy

