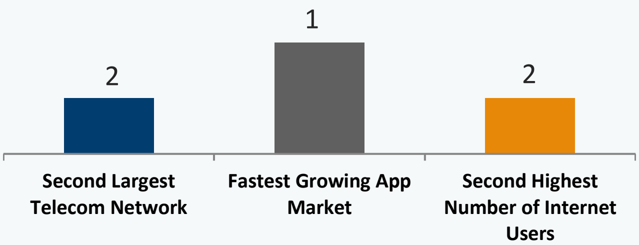
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

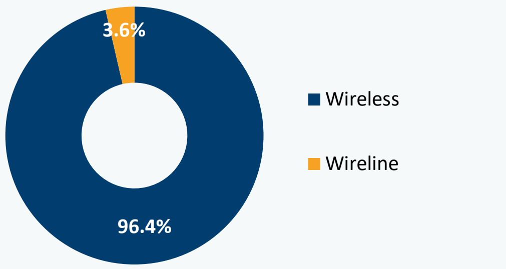
MARKET SIZE

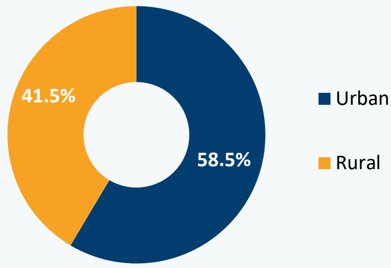


Total telephone subscriber base of 1337.54 million as of April 2026.

SECTOR COMPOSITION

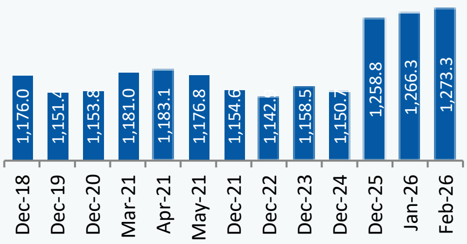
Composition of Telephone Subscribers (April 2026)



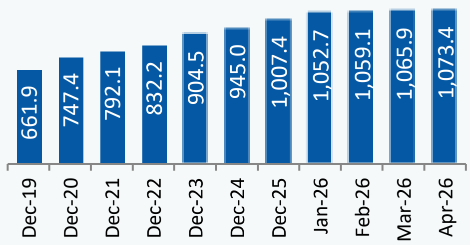


KEY TRENDS

Wireless Subscription (million)



Broadband Subscribers (million)



GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- Satellite-based NB-IoT (Narrowband-Internet of Things)
- Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP)
- 100% FDI

ADVANTAGE INDIA

- **Robust demand:** Tele-density of rural subscribers reached 60.74% as of April 2026. India's satellite communications (SATCOM) sector is set for robust growth, with the market expected to double over the next few years, Union Minister for Communications Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said. Highlighting the government's proactive approach, he noted that three SATCOM licenses have already been issued and that regulatory frameworks and licensing processes are being formalised.
- **Increasing Investment**: In FY2025–26, the Department of Telecommunications was allocated Rs. 81,005 crore, accounting for 1.6% of the total Union Budget. In 2025–26, over 90% of the telecom allocation is concentrated in three areas: 43% (Rs. 35,189 crore) for BSNL and MTNL support (including Rs. 33,758 crore for BSNL capex), 27% (Rs. 22,000 crore) for BharatNet, and 25% for pensions.
- **Policy support**: The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for telecom and networking products has been allocated Rs. 1,950 crore in the Union Budget 2026–27, reflecting a slight increase from Rs. 1,944 crore in the revised estimates for 2025–26. In April 2026, The Government of India launched the revamped Technology Development and Investment Promotion (TDIP) Scheme with an allocation of Rs. 203 crore (USD 0.02 billion) for FY2026–FY2031
- **Attractive opportunities**: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has allocated Rs. 73,990 crore for 2026–27, reinforcing policy continuity through investments in Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) and BharatNet. Expansion of the India Semiconductor Mission and electronics manufacturing schemes will strengthen domestic capabilities and supply chains. Tax exemptions for data centre services until March 2047 further support infrastructure growth.