

III. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Ethiopian Telecommunications Corporation (ETC) renders national and international telecommunications services using satellite, optical fiber, microwave, and multi-access radios, VSAT, UHF and VHF.

During the second quarter of 2009/10, the total installed exchange capacity of fixed telephone reached 1,808,215 (in terms of line), showing a 2.03 and 1.78 percent

increase over last year same period and the preceding quarter, respectively.

The number of fixed telephone subscribers also rose 4.62 percent compared to a year ago and 2.14 percent against previous quarter. At the same time, the number of waiting list for fixed telephone subscribers plummeted by 47.3 percent to 10,571 vis-à-vis a year earlier, owing to surge in installed exchange capacity (Table3.1).

Table 3.1 Telephone Subscription Demand Statistics during the Second Quarter of 2009/10

Indicators	2008/09		2009/10	Percentage changes	
	QII	QI	QII	C/A	C/B
	A	B	C		
Installed Capacity	1,776,543	1,772,276	1,808,215	1.78	2.03
Subscriber Lines	896,018	917,835	937,438	4.62	2.14
Waiting	20,062	10,507	10,571	-47.31	0.61
Expressed Demand	916,018	928,342	948,009	3.49	2.12
Main Lines as % of Expressed Demand	97.80	98.87	98.88	1.11	0.02
Expressed Demand as % of Capacity	51.6	52.4	52.4	1.60	0.09

Source: ETC

The number of mobile phone subscribers increased by 59.6 percent to 5,056,052 in contrast to last year (Table3.2). Similarly,

Internet subscribers reached 68,133, 70.2 percent (Table3.3).
 depicting a substantial annual increase of

Table 3.2 Mobile Subscriptions during Second Quarter of 2009/10

Items	2008/09	2009/10		Percentage changes	
	Q.II	Q.I	Q.II	C/A	C/B
	A	B	C		
No. of Mobile Subscribers	3,168,271	4,412,553	5,056,052	59.58	14.6
Radio Network Capacity	3,168,271	5,259,991	5,985,151	88.91	13.8

Source: ETC

Table 3.3 Internet Subscribers during the Second Quarter of 2009/10

2008/09	2009/10		Percentage changes	
Q.II	Q.I	Q.II	C/A	C/B
A	B	C		
40,034	65,992	68,133	70.2	3.2

Source: ETC

