

province reached 6.8% , creating an increase of 0.3% . By the end of the year, the number of the mobile phone users reached 12,231 hundreds, having increased 59.5% ; the number of beep – caller users reached 1,930 thousands, having decreased 4.8% . The telephone exchange system volume reached 57,644 hundreds, having increased 28.2% . The computer network developed quickly, the number of Internet users reached 89.1 thousands, having increased 560% . The realized business value of post and telecommunication reached 9,032 million yuan, having increased 18.3% .

V. Domestic Trade and Market Price

In 1999, the policies of the central government to activate consumption got good result, the consumption market started to show rising tendency. The realized total of retail sales of consumption goods reached 122,921 million yuan, having increased 9.2% . The total of the retail sales of consumption goods of the cities reached 62,577 million yuan, having increased 12.4% ; the total of the retail sales of consumption goods of the rural markets reached 60,344 million yuan, having increased 6.1% . The total of the retail sales of consumption goods of the state – owned enterprises reached 20,920 million yuan, having increased 0.2% ; the total of the retail sales of consumption goods of collective enterprises reached 16,080 million yuan, having increased 8.8% ; the total of the retail sales of consumption goods of the non – stateowned enterprises reached 85,804 million yuan, having increased 11.6% . The proportion of the value of the non – state – owned enterprises reached 69.8% .

The market price remained low. The total retail prices of commodities decreased by 2.4% (2.2% in the cities and 2.5% in the countryside) . The consumer price went up 0.5% (the city residents' consumption price went down 0.4% and the rural residents' consumption price went up 1.4%) . The price of the agricultural production means went down 4.7% , the purchase price of agricultural products went down 8.9% , the factory price of industrial products went down 1.5% , the price of the fixed assets investment went up 0.5% . Among the prices of residents' consumption, the price of food went down 2.1 % , the price of clothing went down 3.9 % , the price of household facilities and necessities went down 1.4 % , the price of medical things went down 0.1 % , the price of traffic and communication means went down