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Minister of State for Communications Manoj Sinha inaugurating the internet telephony 'Wings' app in New Delhi on Wednesday. Also seen is Telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajan

BSNL dials into app-based internet telephony service

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State-run telecom firm BSNL today unveiled the country's first internet telephony service that will allow users to dial any telephone number in India through its mobile app.

Now, BSNL customers will be able to make calls using the company's mobile app "Wings" to any phone number in the country.

Before this, phone calls on mobile apps were possible within users of a particular app and not on telephone numbers. "In the present

competitive environment, the increase in market share by BSNL is laudable. I congratulate BSNL management for internet telephony which will enable consumers to make call without SIM," Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha said after inaugurating the service.

App-based calling

Using this service, BSNL customers will be able to make calls on any network by using BSNL Wi-Fi or any other service provider.

The Telecom Commission, the highest-decision making

body of the Department of Telecom, had allowed companies that hold a valid telecom licence to provide app-based calling service even by using Wi-Fi connection.

The service provider will be required to comply with all the interception and monitoring-related requirements and calls will be charged by telecom operators and all rules related to normal calls will be applicable on them.

The registration for this service will start this week and the services will be activated from July 25 onwards.