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BSNL Receives Over 4,000 Bookings for Net Telephony

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New Delhi: Barely two weeks since launch, BSNL's internet telephony service 'Wings' has received over 4,000 bookings for the new offering that will allow users to dial any phone number in India through a mobile app, starting this week, its Chairman said on Monday.

State-run BSNL's new service was unveiled by Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha on July 11, and will be operational from July 25.

"BSNL is the first to launch internet telephony service... We expect the service to attract customers especially the youth, who will be able to make internet calls through data connectivity. It will be particularly useful when the subscriber goes abroad," BSNL Chairman and Managing Director Anupam Shrivastava told PTI.

Over 4,000 customers have already subscribed to this new service, he added.

The service will allow customers to make unlimited calls by paying annual fee of ₹1,099 and by using internet service or wi-fi of any telecom operator, to any phone number.

At present, voice calls can be made through mobile apps to users of the same app, as in case of, say, WhatsApp.

"Customers will be able to make calls to numbers in India using Wings app even from abroad. The app can be activated using internet anywhere in the world and calls can be made. The fee of ₹1,099 includes unlimited calling within India," Shrivastava had said announcing the service on July 11.

It is not mandatory for Wings app user to apply for company's mobile and land-line connection separately.