



VIDEO CALL | Minister of state for communications Killi Kruparani receives inaugural video telephony service call on BSNL from communication minister Kapil Sibal at the BSNL Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday. Mr V. Srinivasan CGMT AP Circle for Hyderabad is also seen. — S.SURENDER REDDY

BSNL LAUNCHES VIDEO CALLING FACILITY

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State-run BSNL launched its video-telephony service, which allows face-to-face communication over cellphones, on Monday.

BSNL broadband users will now be able to "video chat". Though BSNL's service is similar to the one currently provided by Google and Skype, the quality of voice and video will be much better because it is a legal video-telephony service.

To avail of the service on mobile phones, customers

will need to purchase handsets ranging from ₹14,900 (for a four-inch colour screen) upto ₹4.18 lakh.

Users of the service will have to pay ₹2.5 for a 60-second call. BSNL will also offer unlimited calling for this service under 30-day plan for ₹2,200.

There are other two plans costing ₹750 and ₹350 for 30 days each. These plans will allow the subscribers to make 900 and 150 minutes calls free respectively and thereafter they will be charged ₹2.5 for each 60 second call.