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Looking to bring in more liquidity in derivatives, the NSE has significantly lowered transaction charges in equity options and currency derivatives.

Trading members will now have to pay a flat ₹2,500 transaction fee for a month on a billable monthly turnover or premium value of up to ₹3 crore in equity options.

## Countering BSE

The move follows changes in transaction charges by rival BSE, which has started charging on a per trade basis in certain segments. Besides, the BSE has been gaining market share in the currency derivatives space.

Furthermore, the NSE has introduced a slab-based structure



for turnover above ₹3 crore. Under the structure, transaction charges per lakh of premium value will fall as turnover increases.

So far, the NSE levied a transaction fee of ₹5,000 on billable turnover of up to ₹1 crore in equity options and gave incentives for trades over ₹1 crore.

At the same time, the NSE has also lowered transaction charges

for currency derivatives trades and has put in place a slab-based mechanism, a move which will help reduce trading and hedging costs for various entities, including small and medium enterprises.

The fee starts at ₹110 per crore of traded value for incremental monthly turnover of up to ₹1,000 crore in the currency derivatives and comes down as turnover rises.

The transaction charges for currency derivatives had been linked to traded value and compliance points.

The NSE's move, which was announced through separate circulars, is based on market feedback and is expected to benefit small and big market players as well as encourage more investor participation.