Understanding F&O Turnover

Trading in Futures and Options is considered a business by the tax authorities and their gains are taxed like business income. To calculate your F&O turnover, you need to take into account all the profits and losses incurred and deduct all expenses incurred during the process of F&O trading.

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Calculating F&O Turnover - Futures

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HDFC Bank

Purchase value: 20,00,000, Sale value: 20,40,000

Profit / Loss = 40,000

2

Asian Paints

Purchase value: 20,00,000, Sale value: 19,50,000

Profit / Loss = -50,000

The turnover of all futures transactions must be calculated in absolute terms. Multiply the purchase value by the lot size and then multiply the sales value by the lot size. The difference is the turnover.

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Calculating F&O Turnover - Options

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ICICI Bank

Purchase value: 36,00,000, Sale value: 42,00,000

Profit: 5,00,000, Profit / (Loss) = +5,00,000

2

HUL

Purchase value: 27,00,000, Sale value: 22,20,000

Loss: -4,80,000, Profit / (Loss) = -80,000

The turnover of all options transactions is not calculated in absolute terms. It has been calculated as Sale value + absolute profit / (loss).

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Deducting Expenses from the Turnover

Electricity

Rs. 4,000

Broker Commission

Rs. 16,000

Internet and Rent

Rs. 10,000

The final turnover is calculated by adding up all the turnovers and then deducting the expenses incurred in the process of trading. This helps to arrive at the accurate tax figure you owe on the transactions.

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The Importance of Calculating Turnover Accurately

Any errors in calculating the right turnover can lead to inaccuracies in the tax paid, making you liable for penalties. Calculating turnover accurately is essential in fulfilling tax obligations correctly and ensuring compliance.

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Advantages and Disadvantages of F&O Trading

1 Advantages

High leverage - high-profit potential
Can offer more trading opportunities
Helps to diversify portfolio risk
Can be used to protect equity positions from market volatility

2 Disadvantages

Highly risky as losses can also multiply
Can require a considerable amount of capital to start
Market volatility can lead to huge losses
Complex indicators and strategies make it difficult to grasp

F&O trading has benefits like high leverage and more trading opportunities, but it comes with risks like market volatility leading to losses and capital requirements to begin trading. Understanding it requires studying of complex indicators and strategies.

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F&O Trading Strategies for Beginners

1. Hedging

Buy F&O contracts to protect against potential losses in your equity positions or another F&O position.

2. Short Selling

Sell F&O contracts that you don't own, anticipating that the price will go down so you can buy it back at a lower rate later and make a profit.

3. Spread Trading

Buy and sell two F&O contracts together to create a spread. The strategy is to earn the difference in premiums by executing orders in different months or different strike prices.

F&O trading strategies for beginners include hedging, short selling and spread trading. Hedging involves buying F&O contracts to protect against potential losses. Short selling means selling F&O contracts you don't own so that you can purchase them later at a lower rate to make profits. Spread trading involves buying and selling two F&O contracts together.

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Taxation on F&O Trading

Turnover	Tax Rate
Less than 2 crores	6%
2 crore to 5 crores	7%
Above 5 crores	8%

Taxation on F&O trading is similar to the taxation on business income. Different levels of turnover attract different tax rates. Turnovers below 2 crores attract a 6% tax rate, turnovers between 2-5 crores attract a 7% tax rate, and turnovers above 5 crores attract an 8% tax rate.

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