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NSE Q1 Profit Rises 10% to ₹2,924 Crore on Strong Trading Volume Recovery

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The National Stock Exchange (NSE) reported a 10 percent increase in its consolidated net profit for the first quarter of FY26, reaching ₹2,924 crore. This marks a rise from ₹2,650 crore in the previous quarter, supported by a recovery in trading volumes across both the cash and derivatives segments.

The exchange's consolidated total income grew to ₹4,798 crore, reflecting a 9 percent increase from the January to March period. However, on a year-on-year basis, income declined by 3 percent. The growth was primarily driven by a 7 percent rise in transaction charges, which totaled ₹3,150 crore for the quarter.

During the quarter, the average daily turnover in the cash market segment rose by 14 percent to ₹1.08 lakh crore. Meanwhile, equity futures turnover increased by 5 percent and options turnover by 9 percent. Despite this growth, NSE's market share in the cash segment slightly declined to 93.8 percent from 94.6 percent, and in the options segment to 78.6 percent from 81.2 percent in the previous quarter.

On a standalone basis, NSE posted a net profit of ₹2,409 crore, down from ₹4,008 crore in the preceding quarter. The decline was largely due to lower dividend income following internal restructuring of its non-core assets.

NSE is also awaiting regulatory clearance from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to resolve legacy issues related to co-location and dark fiber cases. The resolution is considered a key step toward its long-delayed initial public offering (IPO).

The exchange's performance this quarter underscores renewed investor activity and a broader market recovery. However, the outcome of regulatory proceedings and the progress of its IPO plans remain important indicators for its future trajectory.