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Pre Market Auction Call

Stock Exchanges effective October 18th, 2010 are implementing Pre Market Auction Call system in line with global best practices.

A special trading window will open from 9 am to 9:15 am wherein investors would be allowed to place their buy and sell orders before bourses open. This will also mean that other sections like derivatives would also open by 9:15 am.

It has been observed during the first few minutes of market opening, volatility in stock prices have been high. This is primarily due to lower volumes. The idea behind having a Pre Market Auction Call is to:

(a)enable better price discovery and

(b) to lower volatility of prices during first few minutes of market opening.

Initially only Nifty and Sensex stocks will be traded in the pre open session.

This is how it will work from 9am till 9:15 am

From 9 am to 9:07 am:

Investors will be able to place their 'buy' and 'sell' orders for Nifty or Sensex stocks for a period of seven minutes. During these seven minutes, no trades will be executed. Within these 7 minutes the exchanges will discover an indicative price for these stocks and indicative index level. These indicative figures will fluctuate and will reflect general market mood. Investors can accordingly place / modify or cancel their orders

From 9:07 am to 9:08 am:

Exchange will halt order taking anytime between 9:07 am to 9:08 am so as to check any market manipulation

From 9:08 am to 9:12 am:

Orders will be matched and opening prices of the stocks and index would be arrived at. It is important to note that during this time orders are executed at a single discovered price. The opening price of the stock would be the price at which this trade is executed.

From 9:12 am to 9:15 am:

This is buffer period to facilitate transition between pre open and continuous trading session.



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