MCX looks to launch options trading in Q4

Leading commodity exchange MCX plans to launch options trading in the next quarter of this fiscal in a few commodities like bullion and crude oil following Sebi's decision to allow such trading on bourses. Market regulator Sebi on September 28 had allowed options trading on commodity exchanges with an aim to deepen the commodity derivatives markets and enhance liquidity. This has been a long-pending demand from the exchanges, investors and market participants. "We expect to launch options trading during the January-March quarter of this fiscal. We think there is enough potential in six commodities — crude oil, copper, gold, silver and two agri items," MCX MD and CEO Mrugank M Paranjape said.