

**EMBASSY OF INDIA
BUDAPEST**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019**

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS

(Data Source: KSH, Central Statistical Office of Hungary)

Name of the Mission (Country): Embassy of India, Budapest

I. MONTHLY REPORT FOR HUNGARY

A. Trade in goods

a) Total trade in goods during

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	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	18.7	39.5	F
Country's total global trade	9,987.5	9,428.1	F

Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary

b) Preferential trade in goods during

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S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
1	N/A		

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
1	N/A		

(Source: based on Certificate of Origin issued by reporting country)

c) Top 10 items of import from India during

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S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity
1	300339 Medicaments containing hormones or steroids used as hormones, not containing antibiotics, not in measured doses or put up for retail sale (excl. those containing insulin)	8.1	97.6	kgs	85.9%
2	847340 Parts and accessories of other office machines of heading 8472, n.e.s.	2.6	108.7	kgs	15.7%
3	854430 Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships	1.4	38.6	kgs	2.7%
4	851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, incl. switching and routing apparatus (excl. telephone sets, telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks)	1.2	11.5	kgs	1.0%
5	870840 Gear boxes and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special purpose motor vehicles, n.e.s.	1.2	27.6	kgs	1.4%
6	293499 "Nucleic acids and their salts, whether or not chemically defined; heterocyclic compounds (excl. with oxygen only or with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only, compounds containing in the structure an unfused thiazole ring or a benzothiazole	1.0	2.1	kgs	17.1%
7	841199 Parts of gas turbines, n.e.s.	1.0	119.6	kgs	2.4%
8	841440 Air compressors mounted on a wheeled chassis for towing	0.9	29.8	kgs	82.1%
9	293590 Sulphonamides (excl. perfluorooctane sulphonamides)	0.9	0.8	kgs	78.0%
10	293399 "Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only (excl. those containing an unfused pyrazole, imidazole, pyridine or triazine ring, whether or not hydrogenated, a quinoline or isoquinoline ring-system,	0.8	1.2	kgs	16.6%

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary)

d) Top 10 items of export to India during

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S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	Unit
1	293919 Alkaloids of opium and their derivatives, and salts thereof (excl. concentrates of poppy straw; buprenorphine "INN", codeine, dihydrocodeine "INN", ethylmorphine, etorphine "INN", heroin, hydrocodone "INN", hydromorphone "INN", morphine, nicomorphine ...	1.2	0.4	kgs
2	293220 Lactones	1.0	5.4	kgs
3	841990 Parts of machinery, plant and laboratory equipment, whether or not electrically heated, for the	0.9	98.1	kgs

	treatment of materials by a process involving a change of temperature, and of non-electric instantaneous and storage water heaters, n.e.s.			
4	294190 Antibiotics (excl. penicillins and their derivatives with a penicillanic acid structure, salts thereof, streptomycins, tetracyclines, chloramphenicol and erythromycin, their derivatives and salts thereof)	0.8	0.2	kgs
5	870893 Clutches and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special purpose motor vehicles, n.e.s.	0.7	109.2	kgs
6	480640 Glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers, in rolls of a width > 36 cm or in square or rectangular sheets with one side > 36 cm and the other side > 15 cm in the unfolded state (excl. vegetable parchment, greaseproof papers and tracing papers)	0.7	536.1	kgs
7	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V	0.6	5.9	kgs
8	852859 Monitors, not incorporating television reception apparatus (excl. with cathode ray tube and those of a kind solely or principally used in an automatic data-processing machine of heading 8471)	0.6	7.9	kgs
9	292910 Isocyanates	0.6	320.0	kgs
10	851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, incl. switching and routing apparatus (excl. telephone sets, telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks)	0.5	5.9	kgs

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary)

e) Potential products of imports from India (June 2019)

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products..	Hungary imported this product from the World in the value of USD 171.6 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were only USD 8.1 mln
2	847330 Parts and accessories of automatic data-processing machines or for other machines of heading 8471	Hungary imported this product from the World in the value of USD 119.8 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were only USD 0.2 mln
3	854231 Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers, whether or not combined with memories, converters, logic circuits, amplifiers, clock and timing circuits, or other circuits	Hungary imported this product from the World in the value of USD 116.6 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were only USD 0.5 mln.
4	851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, incl. switching and routing apparatus (excl. telephone sets, telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks)	Hungary imported this product from the World in the value of USD 113.7 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were only USD 1.2 mln.
5	870899 Parts and accessories, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special purpose motor vehicles,	Hungary imported this product from the World in the value of USD 113.2 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were negligible.

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary)

B. QUALITATIVE

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1. Market Access Alerts (attach copy of notification) :

The Director General for Trade of the European Commission in Brussels issues notifications of investigations based on the complaints of the specific industries in various EU countries. The status of the current measures/investigations on India can be accessed on the links:

- EU Tariffs: <https://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm>
- TBT: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/completed.cfm>
<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>
- RASFF: https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/rasff_en
- <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/rasff-winebopsdow/portal/?event=SearchForm&cleanSearch=1>
- Taxation and Customs Union: http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/index_en.htm
- Taric Database (Trade Tariffs):
https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp?Lang=en
- Indian Trade Portal: http://www.indiantradeportal.in/alerts_notified_spstbt.jsp

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.							

NIL at the time of the report

b. Alerts on non tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

c. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country: (Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

- e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

2. Feedback

- a. Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country

S.No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	WAPCOS	Water, Power, Consultancy		<p>Economic Roundtable and Networking event on 12th Sept, Hotel Four Seasons Budapest: Delegations from WAPCOS Ltd, TRAI, TDSAT, DoT, ITU participated.</p> <p>R.K. Gupta, Chairman cum Managing Director Wapcos highlighted that he was particularly <u>impressed with the smart turn out at the Economic Roundtable Event on 12th September</u> organized by the Embassy, <u>which gave wider exposure to WAPCOS and its credentials</u> among a variety of business persons and other personalities of Hungary. Discussions and interactions were very fruitful. The <u>cooperation MoU signed with Budapest Waterworks promises technical collaboration and business opportunities.</u></p> <p>H.E. Dr. Andras Baranyi Deputy State Secretary for Eastern Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade <u>appreciated the initiative of the Embassy</u> in organizing the event focused on economic cooperation and especially <u>noted the recent visit of External Affairs Minister of India to Hungary.</u></p>
2.	Army War College, Mhow			<p>India-Hungary Seminar on Defence Cooperation on 24th Sept 2019, Hotel Marriott:</p> <p>Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin noted the <u>potential in defence sector collaboration</u> between the two countries and in this backdrop</p>

				<p>invited companies from both sides to explore possible areas of defence cooperation.</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Norbert Revai-Bere Director General of Department of Fastest Growing Economies of MFAT appreciated the initiative of the Embassy in organizing the event focused on defence cooperation, and especially <u>noted the recent visit of External Affairs Minister of India and forthcoming visit of Minister of Jal Shakti to Hungary.</u></p>
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b. Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S. No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	No of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI, TATC)
1	Kerala Tourism Road show	16th Sept 2019, Hotel Corinthia Budapest	8	Kairali Ayurveda Group, Eastboud Discoveries, CGH Earth, Kerala Voyages, Somatheeram Ayurveda Group, Lotus DMC, Kerala Tourism, Pioneer Personalized Holidays	The Hungarian tour operators welcomed the wide-array of exciting tourism opportunities in the State of Kerala	-

c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; number of Business Visas issued :

S.No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1.					23	

3. Trade and Investment:

The Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency HIPA offers a list of investment opportunities in Hungary on its website:

http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&Itemid=854

Significant trends in trade and investment

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary)

a.

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods Hungarian imports from India	Total imports from India	The value of imports increased by 11.8% in the Jan-Jun period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 reaching USD 257.7 mln
		3003 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic ...	The product group grew by 77.5% in the Jan-Jun period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 32.3 mln. It represents 12.5% of Imports from India to Hungary.
		2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	The product group grew by 17.1% in the Jan-Jun period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 27.5 mln. It represents 110.7% of Imports from India to Hungary.
		8473 Parts and accessories (other than covers, carrying cases and the like) suitable for use solely or principally with machines of heading 8469 to 8472, n.e.s.	The product group fell back by 1.7% in the Jan-June period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 21.0 mln. It represents 8.2% of Imports from India to Hungary.
		8483 Transmission shafts, incl. camshafts and crankshafts, and cranks; bearing housings and plain shaft bearings for machines; gears and gearing;.....	The product group <i>fell back</i> by 35.9% in the Jan-June period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 11.7 mln. It represents 4.5% of Imports from India to Hungary..
		8544 Insulated "incl. enamelled or anodised" wire, cable "incl. coaxial cable" and other insulated electric conductors, whether or not fitted with connectors; optical fibre cables, made up of individually sheathed fibres, whether or not assembled with electric conductors or fitted with connectors	The product group fell back by 16.2% in the Jan-June 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 10.6 mln. It represents 4.1% of Imports from India to Hungary.
		2.	Trade in Services Import of services to Hungary from the World
Travel Services	The service group experienced a <i>fallback</i> of 1.5% in the first half of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 1.2 bln. It represents 12.6% of service imports to Hungary.		
Business and management consulting and public relations services	The service group experienced a <i>fallback</i> of 10.1% in the first half of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 908.1 mln. It represents 9.9% of service imports to Hungary.		
Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services	The service group experienced a <i>fallback</i> of 35.2% in the first half of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 275.8 mln. It represents 3.0% of service imports to Hungary.		
Engineering services	The service group experienced a <i>fallback</i> of 12.5% in the first half of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to		

			USD 139.0 mln. It represents 1.5% of service imports to Hungary.
		Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping and tax consultancy services	The service group experienced a growth of 49.7% in the first half of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 65.5 mln. It represents 0.7% of service imports to Hungary.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
			Recently a tourism company, the Shanti Divers Pvt Ltd was founded by Hungarian businessman investing Rs 13 Lakhs as initial capital in a Goa-based scuba-diving firm.
		Global Investment	
		Hungary attracts hightech investments	To ensure that Hungary's economic growth exceeds the EU average by two percentage points in the coming years, the government is working on creating an innovation ecosystem centred around universities, with Hungarian multinationals playing a part, according to Innovation and Technology Ministry state Secretary László György. Speaking at a conference, he said developing the basic digitalisation infrastructure will ensure the country's readiness for the fourth industrial revolution in the digital age.
		BMW buys Debrecen construction site	BMW Group signed the contract with the local government on purchasing the construction site, taking ownership, while the government has provided Ft 130 billion (appx € 391 mln) for the construction of related infrastructure for the North-West Industrial Zone in Debrecen. BMW is investing €1 billion in building its new unit, helped by a Ft 12.3 billion (appx € 37 mln) direct government subsidy. The government will spend a further Ft 35 billion (appx € 105 mln) on customising the city's education system for the new factory.
		Hankook postpones expansion - 13sep	South Korean tyre maker Hankook has postponed an Ft 89 billion investment at its plant in Rácalmás. One factor behind the delay is the lack of skilled labour, many of the 150 jobs to be created require high skills. The company had earlier announced the investment as the fourth stage of its capacity expansion plan since it started production in Hungary in 2007.

		Bridgestone completes Ft 9bn project	Bridgestone formally inaugurated a Ft 9.2 billion (appx € 27 mln) investment project at its plant in Tatabánya, creating 100 jobs. With the additional capacity, Bridgestone will be able to produce 7.2 million tyres in 2020, a 15% increase. The Japanese company also opened a 10,000m2 storage facility for 180,000 tyres, increasing the total storage capacity to 600,000 tyres. Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Péter Szijjártó pointed out that the government provided an Ft 826 million (appx € 2.5 mln) subsidy to the project. Japan is the largest Asian investor in Hungary, with 160 Japanese companies employing a total of 35,000 workers. Bridgestone has invested Ft 130 billion (appx € 391 mln) in Tatabánya to date.
		GMD inaugurates vehicle parts plant	France-based GMD Group has inaugurated a Ft 20 billion (appx € 60 mln) vehicle parts plant in the industrial park of Dorog, Komárom-Esztergom county, of which Ft 2.9 billion (appx € 8.7 mln) came from government grant. The investment, will create 240 new jobs. The Dorog factory is the largest in the group's foundry business line globally, and the most modern and efficient high-end robotised plant in Europe, Chairman of the GMD group Alain Martineau said. The GMD Group manufactures metal and plastic parts and components mainly for the automotive industry, but also for other sectors. It employs 5,500 in 14 countries and plans to generate €1 billion in sales in 2019

b. Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.			

c. Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above)

a.) The Hungarian Public Procurement Authority is the official body for public procurement tenders: <http://www.kozbeszerzes.hu/english/>

b.) European Union Tenders Electronic Daily, the main official database of English language public procurement tenders from Hungary: <http://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do>

c.) Tenders up from € 15 mln uploaded on the India Trade Portal /www.indiantradeportal.in

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	<p>ELI-ALPS project postponed</p> <p>The government has recently increased the target price of its tender for building the second phase of ELI-ALPS laser research centre in Szeged by 5.5% to Ft 42.3 billion (appx € 127 mln) and has postponed the completion deadline by 10 months to April 30, 2022. The deadline for financial settlement has also been extended by 10 months to July 31, 2022.</p> <p><u>Address:</u> Szeged, Budapesti út 5, 6728 <u>https://www.eli-alps.hu</u></p>	Laser Research	€ 127 mln

- d. Trade Queries for Imports/ Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal) For the month of September 2019 the Mission has received 24 trade inquiries from India.

S. No.	Enquiry originator	Product with HS codes	Nature (Import/ Export)	Value (US\$ million)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Chakradhar Distributors	Misc: Clothing fashion, Herbal, Medicinal, Leather, Jute Product, Spice, Cereal, Vegetables, Fruits etc	Export		Answered
2	Mazna Steel Tech	Engineering: Interior and Architectural steel	Export		Answered
3	Tradelink International	Miscellaneous	Export		Answered
4	IMS Quality Control	Agro: vegetables: Onions	Export		Answered
5	Lambency International	Food industry: Natural tableware HS 46021919/46021990 HS 96020090/46019900	Export		Answered
6	Dali Electronics	Engineering: Electronics base materials	Export		Answered
7	Atlantic Exim India	Miscellaneous engineering products	Export		Answered
8	Shree Dehydrates	Agro: vegetables, spices HS 20081940 HS 07122000 HS 07032000	Export		Answered
9	Benbox Multi Exim Private Limited	Jute products	Export		Answered
10	Rudra Impex	Agro: vegetables	Export		Answered
11	Chisel Crane	Handicrafts	Export		Answered
12	Zephair Impex	Misc: Furniture, metal handicrafts, fashion jewellery	Export		Answered
13	GDJD International Pvt. Ltd.,	Textiles: fabrics, home textiles, yarn	Export		Answered
14	Feather Overseas	Misc engineering, parts	Export		Answered
15	IAATC Exports	Scarp: PU Foam	Import		Answered
16	Gluck Exports	Misc: Agro fruits, vegetables, Yarn, Machinery: pharma, industrial	Export		Answered
17	Bhagyoday Metal Craft	Engineering: sanitary fittings, kitchenware	Export		Answered
18	Roy Export	Engineering: Rotomoulding machinery, Plastic moulded products	Export		Answered
19	Rehoboth Enterprises	Agro: fruit, herbs, vegetables, spices	Export		Answered
20	M A K M International	Paper	Import		Answered
21	Octiva Ceramic	Ceramics: tiles	Export		Answered
22	Trade X Overseas	Textiles: T-shirts	Export		Answered

23	Gujarat Metals and Chemicals Company	Chemicals: water treatment, Fertilizers	Export		Answered
24	BVM Scientific	Cosmetics and Toilet preparations HS: 330790	Export		Answered

4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.: (Max. 500 words)

- India-Hungary Seminar on Defence Cooperation on 24th September 2019 at Hotel Marriott:**

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-Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin noted the potential in defence sector collaboration between the two countries and in this backdrop invited companies from both sides to explore possible areas of defence cooperation.

- Major General B S Dhanoa, accompanied by Ambassador Shri Kumar Tuhin, met with Mr. Istvan Szabo, State Secretary in Ministry of Defence of Hungary on September 24. State Secretary invited Indian companies for establishing joint ventures as there are ample opportunities in defence cooperation.

5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Seminar	India-Hungary Economic Cooperation and Networking event 12 Sept 2019 at Hotel Four Seasons, Budapest Participants: appx 40	<p>Make in India, IE29BF and States of India were promoted with rollups: including Assam, Delhi, Goa, Rajasthan, West Bengal Brochures and Booklets: -Wapcos brochure in English and Hungarian language was printed Other materials were: -States of India – An Investment opportunity booklet -West Bengal brochure -State of Goa brochure</p> <p>Other promotional materials: Make in India bags, post-it notes, pendrives, pens Material on Ie29BF, IICTF 2019</p> <p>An MOU was signed by WAPCOS with Budapest Water Works</p>
2	Road Show	Kerala tourism Road Show on 16 th Sept 2019 at Hotel Corinthia, Budapest Participants: appx 40	Tourism potential of Kerala was showcased. Make in India was also promoted with rollups

3	Seminar	India_Hungary Seminar on Defence Cooperation 24 th Sept 2019, Hotel Marriott Budapest Participants: appx 60	<p>Make in India, IE29BF and States of India were promoted with rollups including Assam, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal Brochures and Booklets: -Defexpo 2020 folded brochure in English -Defence Manufacturing leaflet in English and Hungarian languages Other materials were: -States of India – An Investment opportunity booklet -West Bengal brochure -State of Goa brochure Other promotional materials: Make in India bags, post-it notes, pendrives, pens Material on Ie29BF, IICTF, WAPCOS</p> <p>Hungarian Defence Industry representatives interacted with Indian side. Indian defence company Adventz Group also participated</p>
4	Seminar	ITEC Day 27 th Sept 2019, Hotel Marriott Budapest Participants: appx 125	<p>Make in India, IE29BF and States of India were promoted with rollups including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab, Telangana Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu Brochures and Booklets: -Defexpo 2020 folded brochure in English -Defence Manufacturing leaflet in English and Hungarian languages Other materials were: -States of India – An Investment opportunity booklet -West Bengal brochure -State of Goa brochure Other promotional materials: Make in India bags, post-it notes, pens, States of India pendrives, Material on Ie29BF, IICTF, WAPCOS ITEC, Education</p>
	Information on upcoming events was circulated:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India International Cooperative Trade Fair IICTF 2019 11-13 Oct 2019 (brochure translated and printed) 2. 12th Urban Mobility Conference UMI 15-17 Nov 2019 3. Defexpo 2020 05-08 Feb Lucknow (brochure translated and printed) 4. IE29BF 2019, 20-21 Nov (brochure translated and printed) 5. Surajkund Mela 2020, 16th Feb 2020 	<p>Information was circulated amongst chambers of commerce and industry and government bodies, such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other offices in Hungary.</p> <p>Putting of the material on website/social media, hyperlinking also done</p>

6. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of Activity (Max.200 words)
RS 600,000		RS 14,821	1. State of Goa Rollups for Goa Tourism Road Show
		RS 137,369	2. Economic Roundtable and Networking Event on 12 th Sept 2019

7. Action taken on the previous JWG, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):

S.No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	5 th JCEC and 10 th S&T Meeting 7 th March and 21 st March 2018	5 th JCEC -Para 2 1 agriculture 2 Aviation 3 Space activity 4 Energy 5/4 Water management 6/3,4,5, science and technology 7/1,2,3 Information Technology 8/3 Transport 9/2,3,6,7,11,12 Education and Culture 10/3,6,8 Health and Health economy 11/4,5,6 Tourism 12/2 Visa Matters 13 Cyber Fraud 10 th S&T 3. Status of S&T Cooperation 5. Review of last call 6.1 ELI-ALPS 6.2 Joint Industrial R&D 6.2 Networking of researchers 6.3 workshops 6.4 Strategic Research Fund	Follow up on a number of issues is being made such as agriculture, water management, science and technology funding, trade frauds, etc. Embassy has also been in touch with various Hungarian ministries, including Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Human Capacities; Ministry of Interior; Ministry for Innovation and Technology regarding implementation of bilateral agreements. During the visit of EAM to Hungary on August 25-27 cooperation in the areas of water, S&T, education exchanges, visa procedures, tourism, cultural exchanges and renewable energy were also discussed.

8. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer/supplier	Name & address of Indian exporter/importer	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.
Nil at the time of the report				

9. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
Nil at the time of the report				

10. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

- 1. Forint weakens to new record low:** The forint weakened to a new record low level of Ft 355.3 per euro on 23rd September. The earlier record low of Ft 334.35 was hit one week earlier. The purchasing managers indices in Germany and eurozone countries were worse than forecast by analysts, indicating a recession in Hungary's main export market, which contributed to the weakening of the forint.
- 2. MNB Governor calls for economic stimulus:** The economy needs to find answers for the global "economic climate change" and step on a long-term sustainable growth path, MNB Governor György Matolcsy said at the annual conference of economists. The situation requires more than measures to improve competitiveness, as a comprehensive economic stimulus is needed, he argued. Hungary has changed from one of the most vulnerable countries to one of the less vulnerable and by 2021, Hungary's net external debt may disappear completely. In order to continue with convergence, he added, Hungary's growth needs to outpace the EU average by two percentage points. A new economic stimulus plan, "the Hungarian model 2.0," is needed that should include measures to strengthen certain sectors and the implementation of the MNB's 330-point competitiveness list, he said. The favourable labour market situation needs to be strengthened, he added. As serious threats to Hungary's economic growth, Matolcsy named the US-China trade war, Brexit, the fragile Italian economy and the "downturn" in the German economy. He said the automotive industry has been hit by serious failures that could backfire. The German automotive sector has contributed to Hungarian economic success so far, but the slowdown in that country's economy will spill over to Hungary in six to nine months, he warned. Matolcsy also stressed that in the new world "data is the new gold".
- 3. Average Monthly Exchange rates for Sept 2019**

1US\$= 301.92 HUF
1EUR= 332.42 HUF
Source: MNB-Hungarian National Bank www.mnb.hu

**EMBASSY OF INDIA
BUDAPEST**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019**

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS

(Data Source: International Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics
<http://www.intracen.org>, <http://www.Trademap.org>)

Name of the Mission (Country): Embassy of India, Budapest

II. MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

A. Trade in goods

a) Total trade in goods during

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	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	0.081	5.9	F
Country's total global trade	537.7	899.3	F

(Source: International Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

b) Preferential trade in goods during

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S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
1	N/A		

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
1	N/A		

(Source: based on Certificate of Origin issued by reporting country)

c) Top 10 items of import from India during

0	2	2	0	1	9
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S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity
1	841490 Parts of : air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling ...	1.0		kgs	31.8%
2	090111 Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)	0.5		kgs	18.0%
3	640399 Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics or composition leather, with uppers of leather ...	0.4		kgs	11.3%
4	560312 Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, n.e.s., of man-made filaments, ...	0.3		kgs	49.0%
5	520524 Single cotton yarn, of combed fibres, containing >= 85% cotton by weight and with a linear ...	0.2		kgs	91.5%
6	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	0.2		kgs	1.2%
7	847420 Crushing or grinding machines for solid mineral substances	0.1		kgs	27.0%
8	251611 Granite, crude or roughly trimmed (excluding already with the characteristics of setts, curbstones ...	0.1		kgs	55.8%
9	411310 Leather further prepared after tanning or crusting "incl. parchment-dressed leather", of goats ...	0.1		kgs	25.1%
10	251512 Marble and travertine, merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a square ...	0.1		kgs	66.9%

(Source: International Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

d) Top 10 items of export to India during

0	2	2	0	1	9
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S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	Unit
1	'790700 Articles of zinc, n.e.s.	0.045		
2	'842123 Oil or petrol-filters for internal combustion engines	0.009		
3	'854370 Electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, n.e.s. in chapter 85	0.009		
4	'732690 Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s. (excluding cast articles or articles of iron or steel wire)	0.007		
5	'220300 Beer made from malt	0.006		
6	'281122 Silicon dioxide	0.003		
7	'441990 Tableware and kitchenware, of wood other than bamboo (excl. interior fittings, ornaments, coopers' ...	0.001		
8	'010310 Pure-bred breeding swine	0.000		
9	'010599 Live domestic ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, weighing > 185 g	0.000		
10	'020329 Frozen meat of swine (excluding carcasses and half-carcasses, and hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, ...	0.000		

(Source: International Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

e) Potential products of imports from India

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	271019 Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals, not containing biodiesel, ...	Imports of this product from the World were in the value of USD 51.1 mln, while imports from India were nil
2	'870332 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, incl. ...	Imports of this product from the World were in the value of USD 24.6 mln, while imports from India were nil.
3	'300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	Imports of this product from the World were in the value of USD 15.3 mln, while imports from India were 0.2 mln.
4	281820 Aluminium oxide (excluding artificial corundum)	Imports of this product from the World were in the value of USD 6.7 mln, while imports from India were nil
5	851712 Telephones for cellular networks "mobile telephones" or for other wireless networks	Imports of this product from the World were in the value of USD 6.7 mln, while imports from India were nil

(Source: International Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

B. QUALITATIVE

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1. Market Access Alerts (attach copy of notification) :

BiH is a member of Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). No specific market access alerts for India.

Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Department of Foreign Trade Policy and Control and Protection Measures deals with such issues. Information may be accessed on the following links:

- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/>
- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/search/Results?searchTerm=india>
- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/Search/Results?searchTerm=customs>

Regulations on VAT and Customs may be found at the website of the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH

- <http://www.new.uino.gov.ba/en>

e. Alerts on customs tariff changes:

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.							

NIL at the time of the report

- f. Alerts on non tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

- g. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

- h. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:
(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

- e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.					

NIL at the time of the report

2. Feedback

- d. Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country

S.No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.				

NIL at the time of the report

- e. Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S.No	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI, TATC)
1.	Nil at the time of the report					

- f. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; number of Business Visas issued :

S.No	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1.					1	

3. Trade and Investment:

Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH www.fipa.gov.ba

Delegation of the European Union to BiH Tenders (Euopeaid tenders): http://europa.ba/?page_id=320

- b. Significant trends in trade and investment

(Sources: International Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods BiH imports from India	Total imports	The value of imports increased by 7.4% in the Jan-Feb period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 reaching USD 11.3 mln.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps (excluding gas compound elevators and pneumatic elevators and conveyors);.	The product group experienced a fallback by 13.1% in the Jan-Feb period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 1.9 mln. It represents 16.8% of Imports from India to BiH..
		'0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated; coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes ...	The product group experienced a fallback by 8.3% in the Jan-Feb period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 1.2 mln. It represents 11% of Imports from India to BiH..
		'6403 Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of ..	The product group grew by 82.51% in the Jan-Feb period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 0.6 mln. It represents 5.6% of Imports from India to BiH..
		'5603 Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated, n.e.s.	The product group grew by 6.5% in the Jan-Feb period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 0.6 mln. It represents 5.1% of Imports from India to BiH..
		'5205 Cotton yarn other than sewing thread, containing >= 85% cotton by weight (excluding that put ..	The product group fell back 4.1% in the Jan-Feb period of 2019 over the same period of 2018 to USD 0.6 mln. It represents 4.6% of Imports from India to BiH..
2.	Trade in Services: Import of services to	Total Service types	The import of services decreased by 15% in the Q1 of 2019 over the same period of 2018 from USD 128.1 mln to USD 109.6 mln.
		Commercial services	The import of these services decreased by 15% in the Q1 of 2019 over the same period of 2018

	BIH from the World		from USD 126.4 mln to USD 107.4 mln. It represents 98.8% of all imported services.
		Transport	The import of these services decreased by 21% in the Q1 of 2019 over the same period of 2018 from USD 75.2 mln to USD 59.4 mln. It represents 54.6% of all imported services.
		Travel	The import of these services increased by 8.9% in the Q1 of 2019 over the same period of 2018 from 8.9 mln to USD 9.7 mln. It represents 8.9% of all imported services.
		Government goods and services n.i.e.	The import of these services fell back by 10.8% in the Q1 of 2019 over the same period of 2018 from 1.8 mln to USD 1.6 mln. It represents 1.4% of all imported services.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		Nil	
		Global Investment	
		Alumina Investments since 2013 Add Up to €35.8 Million	Alumina said it has invested some 70 million KM (€ 35.8 mln) since 2013, when its parent company, alumina plant Birac went bankrupt. Alumina has built more than 16,000 square meters of new facilities, as it has increased its products range from four to 26, the company said in a press release. The company's biggest investment in the last three years is the production of fine precipitated hydrates project, worth 30 million KM (€ 15.3 mln). The production facility covers some 10,000 square meters, as the exports 10,000 tons of its product, annually. Alumina is able to produce 40,000 tons of fine precipitated hydrates per year, as the number will increase to 60,000 tons once the next phase of the project is completed by the end of the year. The aluminum plant exports almost all of its products to some 40 countries on five continents in the world.
	Croatia Invests over € 1 billion in Bosnia and Herzegovina to Date	Croatia has invested slightly over €1 billion in Bosnia and Herzegovina to date, which makes it the second largest investor in the country, Bosnia and Herzegovina's Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). The data covers the period between May 1994 and the end of 2018, during which time Croatia invested about € 1,172 mln. Croatian investments account for 16% of total foreign investments in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Forty-six percent of Croatian investments were made in financial and insurance activities, 19.6% in the processing industry and 15.4% in trade. The largest Croatian investors are the HT telecommunications company, the Agrokor food and retail conglomerate (now Fortenova), the Atlantic food and retail group, the Belupo pharmaceutical company, the Kras confectionery company and the Dukat dairy company.	
	Croatia's IGH to Supervise Construction of Banovici	Croatian civil engineering company IGH signed a € 7.15 mln contract for supervisory works at the pending construction of Banovici thermal power plant in Bosnia.	

		TPP under €7.15 Million Deal	IGH Institute will partner with Germany's Steag Energy Services and Serbia's SGS Beograd in the contract signed with Bosnia's state-controlled coal mining company Banovici, which runs the € 412.4 mln project for construction of the 350 MW power plant, IGH said. The supervisory works will be carried out for a period of 40 months, including checks of the material and equipment used in the construction of the power plant, as well as of the construction works that will be carried out by China's Dongfang Electric Corporation Limited. The project received the approval of the government of Bosnia's Federation in July 2017 when the entity's energy ministry was authorized to issue a permit to rMU Banovici for the construction of the power plant. The plant has a planned annual production capacity of 2,252.3 GWh. Chinese banks led by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) have agreed to provide loans for 85% of the project financing, while the remainder should come from a consortium of Bosnian banks led by the local unit of Italy's UniCredit, rMU Banovici said earlier. rMU Banovici is one of the biggest coal mines in the Federation entity.

b. Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.			

- **Republika Srpska to Sell €15.3 Million of 10-Year T-notes on October 7:** Republika Srpska will offer 30 million KM (15.3 million euro) worth of ten-year Treasury notes at an auction on October 7, the entity's Finance Ministry said. The government securities of 1,000 KM (appx € 500) in par value each will mature on October 9, 2029, the finance ministry said in a tender notice.
- **Federation to Issue €35.8 Million Worth of Government Bonds:** The Federation entity government said it has decided to issue Treasury notes worth a total of 70 million KM (35.8 million euro) to finance this year's budget needs. The Federation will issue three-year T-notes worth 30 million KM (€15.3mln) and seven-year T-notes worth 40 million KM (€20.5 mln), it said in a statement without providing a time frame.

c. Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above)

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Delegation of the European Union to BiH Tenders (Euopeaid tenders): http://europa.ba/?page_id=320

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement

NIL at the time of the report

d. Trade Queries for Imports/ Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal) In the period of September 2019, Embassy of India has received 2 queries from India.

S. No.	Enquiry originator	Product with HS codes	Nature (Import/Export)	Value (US\$ million)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Zephlair Impex	Misc: Furniture, metal handicrafts, fashion jewellery	Export		Answered
2	Roy Export	Engineering: Rotomoulding machinery, Plastic moulded products	Export		Answered

- Embassy of India, Budapest also received a trade query from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH seeking information on the phyto-sanitary requirements for the export of apples to India. The Mission has approached Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India. The answer received was forwarded to MFAT, BiH

4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.: (Max. 500 words)

1. Ambassador Kumra Tuhin presented credentials to Chairman of Presidency, President Željko Komšić. President praised India's economic strengths, especially in the field of IT sector. India is committed to set up 2 IT centres of Excellence in BiH.

2. Mr. Branko Petrić, President of Central Election Committee of BiH expressed desire to continue cooperation in election management and practices with ECI of India and praised Indian successful conduct of general elections.

5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1.	Information on upcoming events was circulated:	<p>1. India International Cooperative Trade Fair IICTF 2019 11-13 Oct 2019 (brochure translated and printed)</p> <p>2. 12th Urban Mobility Conference UMI 15-17 Nov 2019</p> <p>3. Defexpo 2020 05-08 Feb Lucknow (brochure translated and printed)</p> <p>4. IE29BF 2019, 20-21 Nov (brochure translated and printed)</p> <p>5. Surajkund Mela 2020, 16th Feb 2020</p>	Information was circulated amongst chambers of commerce and industry and government bodies, such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other bodies in Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina also.
2.		States of India – An Investment Opportunity in Bosnian language was given to Chairman of	

		Presidency by Ambassador after his bilateral talks during his Presentation of Credentials.	
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6. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of Activity (Max.200 words)
RS 600,000			

7. Action taken on the previous JWG, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):

S.No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	Third meeting of the Joint Committee on Trade took place in Sarajevo on 25 September, 2012. Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Mr. Mato Franjicevic, who is the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee from the BiH side, led a delegation to India in December 2016 and held a meeting with the Co-Chair from the Department of Commerce in India. The next meeting is proposed to be held in Sarajevo, for which dates will be decided through mutual consultations.		Embassy has been in touch with various ministries, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH for implementation of bilateral agreements/decisions. Mission followed up on the termination of the existing and proposed new BIT with Bosnia.

8. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer	Name & address of Indian exporter	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.

Nil at the time of the report

9. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome

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Nil at the time of the report

10. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

1. **Industrial Output Falls 5.9% in August:** Bosnia's industrial production decreased by 5.9% year-on-year in August, after falling by 4.7% in July, the national statistical office said. On a monthly comparison basis, Bosnia's industrial production fell 3.9% in August, after rising 1.5% the month before, the statistical office said in a statement on Wednesday, citing preliminary seasonally-adjusted figures. Bosnia's industrial output dropped 4.7% on the year in the first eight months of 2019.
2. **Significant Increase in Tourists Arrivals in BiH:** More than 906,788 tourists visited Bosnia and Herzegovina between January and July 2019, which is more than 11.7 % and 1,878,023 overnight stays or 11.1 % compared to the same period of 2018. The number of overnight stays of domestic tourists increased by 6.8 %, while the number of overnight stays of foreign tourists increased by 12.9 % compared to the same period in 2018. Domestic tourists accounted for 28.5 % of all overnight stays, while foreign tourists 71.5 %. Most foreign tourists came from Croatia (13.5 %), Serbia (9.3 %), Saudi Arabia (9.3 %), Slovenia (5.2 %), China (4.8 %), Germany (4.7 %), Italy (4.5 %), Turkey (4.7 %), Poland (3.8 %) and the United Arab Emirates (3.6 %), which is total 61.3 %.
3. **Ambassador presented credentials to the Chairman of Presidency of BiH, H.E. President Željko Komšić** on 18th September. President referred to India as a truly great country with enormous economic growth and great cultural diversity and praised India's strength in the IT Sector. He called for an effective implementation of the planned 2 IT sectors of excellence by India assuring his support for the development of a holistic relationship between the two countries. He also stated that cooperation in IT sector and tourism could be key areas of relationship. Ambassador stated that many Indian companies are active in Central Europe and the Balkan region and underlined that Indian companies always worked with local authorities to create job opportunities and are law abiding. Some Indian companies though have faced difficulties in BiH and Ambassador sought the advice, support and guidance of President to further bolster the economic cooperation.
4. **Average Monthly Exchange rates for Sept 2019**
1US\$= 1.677303 KM
1EUR= 1.955830 KM
Source: Central Bank BiH <http://cbbh.ba>

Sanjeev Manchanda
Second Secretary (Com/Pol)/CR
Embassy of India
Budapest
Dated: 5th October, 2019