

**Question for written answer E-005190/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Follow-up questions regarding Vredestein

In the answers to our questions<sup>1</sup>, the Commission states that it has received confirmation from the Hungarian authorities of the amount of aid that Apollo Tyres has received from them and the corresponding legal basis. It is claimed that this aid falls within a scheme to compensate for harm suffered owing to the COVID-19 outbreak.

However, as we stated in our previous questions, the Hungarian Foreign Minister did not say a word about this<sup>2</sup>. What is more, Apollo Tyres' annual report for the 2020-2021 financial year shows that the Hungarian factory made a profit of more than EUR 16 million in that year<sup>3</sup>. This gives the impression that this was not a matter of compensating for harm suffered, but simply State aid to a private corporation. We therefore have the following questions:

1. How does the Commission reconcile the profit made by Apollo Tyres' Hungarian factory with the objective of the aforementioned COVID-19 compensation scheme?
2. Has the Commission sought clarification from the Hungarian authorities regarding their statements on the above-mentioned aid?
3. What is the exact legal basis given by the Hungarian authorities to the Commission for the State aid granted?

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<sup>1</sup> E-003607/2021/rev.1

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.napi.hu/magyar-vallalatok/beruhazas-apollo-tyres-fejleszt-gumiabroncs.719571.html>

<sup>3</sup> Apollo Tyres Annual Report, tax year 2020-2021, page 276: <https://www.apollotyres.com/apollo-digital-report-2021/images/Annual-Report-for-the-Financial-Year-2020-21.pdf>