1. Chairman's Delhi Visit from 23rd to 26th July 2018.

The Chairman Mr. H.T. Pramod and Trustee & EC member Mr. Shirish Vijayendra had been to Delhi from 23rd to 26th July 2018 to follow up on the following Coffee and Pepper issues.

1. Interest reduction. 2. Rescheduling of coffee loans. 3. Immediate release of pending Coffee Board subsidy. 3. Announcement of Medium term plan of the Coffee Board to be the same as the ICDP scheme 4. Deleting Rule 7B (1) of the Income Tax rules. 5. Curbing malpractices in the import of pepper and improve vigilance at international borders to prevent smuggling of Pepper 6. Include pepper under Minimum support price 7. To take immediate steps to prevent human elephant conflict and other plantation issues.

The delegation had met the following Union Ministers,

- 1. Sri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry.
- 2. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- 3. Sri. Radha Mohan Singh, Minister for Agriculture.
- 4. Sri. Piyush Goyal, Minister for Railways and Minister in charge for Finance.
- 5. Sri. Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers & Parliamentary affairs.
- 6. Shri. Gajendra Singh Shikavath, Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture.
- 7. Shri. D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Hon. Minister for Statistics and Program Implementation.
- 8. Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Chairman, Parliamentary standing committee on finance.
- 9. Sri. Santhosh Sarangi, Joint Secretary (Plantations).
- 10. Ms. Anita Karn, Director (Plantations).

The Ministers had said they would look into the matter and would get back. Regarding, re-phasing of the pending loans, the Finance Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal was positive and for the rest of our demands, he said the finance Ministry has to examine.

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Ms. Shobha Karandalaje and Sri. Pratap Simha, Members of Legislative assembly from Mudigere, Sri. M.P. Kumaraswamy had accompanied them.

Photos of Chairman's Delhi Visit from 23rd to 26th July 2018











