

I extend my heartiest Christmas, English New Year, Sankranti and Pongal Greetings to all of you and your families because we will be meeting after these festivals only. May we collectively rise to further new heights in the discharge of our responsibilities towards this august institution and our country.

I thank the hon. Deputy Chairman, Shri Harivansh who has been a great support, the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, all Panel Vice-Chairpersons, Secretary-General and his team of officials "and Secretariat staff, the watch and ward personnel for their hard work and support.

Members would have noticed Panel Vice-Chairpersons presiding over the proceedings of the House during Question Hour. I am happy that whoever has been given this responsibility has performed well. I am happy that this has been received positively by the Members.

I also thank the media for their unwavering interest in the proceedings of this House and coverage of spirited debates during this Session. I have an appeal to make to media: Cover what is happening in the House, but, please also cover what is said in the House. That is important because at the end of the day the message and the purpose of the debate is to highlight what the hon. Members say in the House so that they will also get encouragement, prepare themselves, come to the House regularly and speak as and when they get an opportunity to convey their thoughts, their views and their feelings.

Hon. Members, I am overall happy about the Session, but for small disappointments which could have been avoided. I hope that all of you will take note of the feelings expressed from the Chair. That is the collective feeling of the entire House. Also, keep the expectations of people in the mind as we are observing the 250th Session of the Parliament and moving on. Thank you very much.

*Namaskar, Jai Hind, Vande Mataram.*

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### NATIONAL SONG

(The National Song, "Vande Mataram", was then played)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned *sine die*.

*The House then adjourned sine die at fifteen  
minutes past one of the clock.*

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