

[Mr. Chairman]

they have to be brought to the notice in a positive manner because this is an extraordinary time. The focus of attention should be to ameliorate the sufferings of the people and take effective steps to see that they are not put to hardships to the extent possible. That is my appeal to all Members of Parliament, irrespective of parties and also people at large. This is not a normal time. If there are any shortcomings, you have got every right in democracy and we are a functional democracy. India is the largest parliamentary democracy in the world, and we have shown to the world also how we are able to manage this and what are the steps that have been taken. So, hon. Members, on behalf of all of you and on my own behalf, I once again place on record our deep and sincere appreciation for all the frontline warriors, those who are ensuring our physical wellbeing like the doctors, some of them have sacrificed their lives, nurses, paramedical staff, sanitation workers – a very important role is played by them – and scientists who are working day and night to come out with solutions to this problem, as well as those, who are ensuring our food security in this hour of crisis, the farmers, and the providers of the essential goods. Equally important is the national security, both internal security as well as protection of our borders. We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the police and armed forces in keeping us and our country safe when this crisis is on.

Before concluding, I would like to extend my wishes to all of you for the forthcoming festivals of Dussehra, Vijayadashami, Deepawali and Milad un-Nabi. All these important festivals are coming. I appeal to all of you to celebrate the festivals, stay at home and follow the guidelines. Following guidelines is not only for you, it is for the people around you also. So, I hope that everybody will remember these things. Then, I have nothing more to add. Jai Hind!

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 twelve
minutes past two of the clock.*
