

olution suggesting exploration of Oil and Gas in Eastern region was discussed inconclusively and will be taken up in the next session.

Responding to the wishes of Hon. Members of Parliament, the Prime Minister announced on 23 December, 1993 introduction of "MPs Local Area Development Scheme" under which each Member could suggest to the District Collector works to be done not exceeding Rupees one crore within his or her constituency. The scheme, I am sure, would enable the hon. Members to help their constituents as well as the process of development. I would like to thank the Prime Minister, the Government and the Parliament for this. On 11 November, 1993, I reconstituted the Panel of Chairmen by adding four hon. Members on it. I do hope hon. Members on the Panel of Chairmen would help me and my colleague hon. Deputy Speaker in sharing the responsibility in smooth conduct of the House.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all the hon. Members for the kind cooperation extended to me and my colleagues - hon. Deputy Speaker and the Members of the Panel of Chairpersons — in the smooth conduct of the business of the House. I would specifically like to thank the Leader of the House, the hon. Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of various Parties and Groups, as well as the Whips for their courtesy and wholehearted cooperation to me which made my task easy. I would like to convey my good wishes for a very Happy New Year to the hon. Members of the House and through them to all our countrymen and women and children.

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sir, with your permission, I would like to wish a very Happy New Year to all our Members and to you Sir, and to all our constituents through this august House.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to thank all my officers and colleagues who have worked overtime to facilitate the smooth working of this Parliament. I would also like to thank the media persons for their very objectively, interestingly and very lucidly reporting the proceedings of the House to the people of India.

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: Thank you, Sir. We will meet next year.

MR. SPEAKER: Now the hon. Members may stand up for *Vande Matram*.

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19.28  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs.

### NATIONAL SONG

*(The National Song was played)*

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

19.29 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned sine die.*

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