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Title: Need to name the superfast train running between Puri and Paradip in Odisha as Adikabi Sarala Das Superfast Express.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): I would like to state that Sarala Das, known as Adikabi and Sudramuni, is a 15th Century poet and scholar of Odia Literature. Sarala Das, a self educated man from Kanakpur in Jagatsinghpur, Odisha wrote Mahabharata, Ramayana and Chandi Purana in Odia and thus achieved an incredible feat. It is important to note that he is the first scholar to write in Odia. As one of the founders of Odia literature, his work has formed an enduring source of information on Odisha's history, religion, civilization, culture, philosophy etc. The sense of Odia nationality has appropriately been reflected in his writings.

So, to memorise the contribution of such a great personality, I would like to urge upon the Minister of Railways to name the superfast train running between Puri and Paradip via his birthplace, Kanakpur in Jagatsinghpur as Adikabi Sarala Das superfast Express Train.