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Title : Need to start a new train 'Technology Express' from Howrah to Hijli in West Bengal.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): 18 August 1951 is a red letter day of Independent India's history. On this day first Education Minister of free India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, alongwith the then Chief Minister of West Bengal undertook a journey in a special train from Howrah to Hijli to lay the foundation stone of India's first IIT at Kharagpur in Medinipur district.

As the year 2011 will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee year of this historic event, it would be a befitting step on the part of the Railways to start a "Technology Express" from Howrah to Hijli to commemorate this historic journey through which Independent India started it's journey to match the developed West in Technology.

I, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Railways Minister to take a positive step towards the beginning of this new train.