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Title: Regarding rise in extremism and growing influence of ISIS in India.

SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA (KENDRAPARA) : Madam, I want to raise the issue of a dramatic new threat of terrorism that our country is facing for the first time. We all are aware that for more than twenty five years, we have faced cross-border terrorism with State support from one of our neighbours which has caused us great damage. We have also had domestic terrorism. But in the case of trans-national terrorist organizations, we have been very resilient in the past. Organizations like Al-Qaeda could not get very many Indians to go and support its cause unlike getting many, many more people from countries across the world including developed western countries.

But, Madam, these two incidents of train blast in Ujjain and the encounter in Lucknow is now for the first time an incident of ISIS sponsored terrorism. This is a dramatic new development because despite ISIS being probably the world's largest trans-national terrorist organization for last several years, India has not faced any attack until now. The reason, that this is a dramatic new shift that our Government must pay special attention to, Madam, is that, as per reports by November last year, just three or four months ago, the National Investigation Agency and State agencies have made sixty eight arrests. It seems that 70 per cent of the Indians arrested with connection to ISIS are from middle and upper classes and the people who are educated. This is the dramatic new threat because young Indians are getting radicalized on the internet with this draconian threat. We must treat this differently.

Although our jawans, our Government and our people have faced threats for more than a quarter century and we are inured to it in some way, this dramatic turn in terrorism that we are facing is a new chapter altogether. Unless we take it seriously, discuss it in this House and the Government specifically focuses on the ISIS threat, Madam, our country will be at great risk.

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