

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025

**SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF SEED PROCESSING, STORAGE AND TESTING
INFRASTRUCTURE**

2270. SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to support expansion of seed processing, storage and testing infrastructure in Odisha under the Seed Village Programme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India is implementing National Food Security and Nutrition Mission: Seed Components (erstwhile Sub-Mission on Seed & Planting Material) under which financial assistance is available for creation/modernization of seed infrastructure facilities and seed testing infrastructure.

Under the above programme, funds were earlier released to the Government of Odisha based on their proposal/Annual Action Plan for strengthening seed infrastructure and testing facilities in the State. These included strengthening of DNA Fingerprinting Laboratories, establishment of Grow-Out Test Farms and Greenhouse facilities, renovation of Seed Testing Laboratories, and creation of additional Seed Processing and Storage capacities.

During the current fiscal year 2025–26, the Department has approved the proposal of the Government of Odisha for strengthening of Seed Testing Laboratories in the State under the said programme.
