

# **Telangana State Seed & Organic Certification Authority**

## **(TSSOCA)**

### **Success story under RKVY 2017-18**

#### **I. Extension of STL, Rajendranagar**

**1. Title: Extension of STL, Rajendranagar building to meet the ISTA standards for international OECD certification.**

**2. Category :** Agriculture, Seed Certification

**3. Challenge:** Ensuring quality of seed as prescribed through 'Seeds Act, 1966,' is the major task of seed certification authorities which is attained through seed crop inspection in field and seed testing in the laboratory. Therefore, the results provided by the seed testing laboratories must be accurate, reliable and reproducible to fulfill the needs of "certification, distribution and seed use". For achieving reliable, accurate and reproducible results it is necessary that the seed testing laboratory should have adequate infrastructure facilities equipped with equipments having desired precision, and well trained manpower to undertake various seed quality tests in accordance with established national and international standards.

**4. Initiative:** Due to increase in areas for certification and subsequent increase in number of seed samples for seed testing, nomination of TSSCA as designated Authority for OECD seed certification for four States, the Seed Testing Laboratory of TSSCA at Rajendranagar needs to be expanded to meet the growing demand for seed testing to meet the international seed standards.

**5. Key result/ insight / interesting fact:** Under RKVY, an amount of Rs.2.00 crores was released towards the extension of Seed Testing Laboratory as per international standards during 2016-17. Further an amount of Rs. 0.94 crores were released during 2017-18. By utilizing these funds the construction of Seed Testing Laboratory is near to completion.

6. **Impact:** This laboratory could serve the purpose of various seed producers in the country by providing the quality seed testing facilities as per the international seed standards and thus will enable the seed producers to enter into international seed market.

7. **Lessons learned:** -

8. Supporting quotes and images : -



**Present status of construction of STL in Rajendranagar**

9. Additional information : -

10. Check list

No.	Question to consider	Yes	No
1.	Is the story interesting to the target audience of the project / activity report?	✓	
2.	Does the story explain what new insights the project brings? What is the main lesson learned from this story? Does the story describe a key insight on what works and what doesn't and something that future projects could build on	✓	
3.	Does the story describe outcomes the project produced and the people who are benefitting? What changes – in skills Knowledge, attitude, practice or policy – has the project brought about and who is benefitting from these changes?	✓	
4.	Does the story make a compelling point that people will remember? Does the story show how the project makes a difference to improving livelihoods and lessening poverty?		✓
5.	Does the story provide an interesting fact that people will remember? For example, how yields increased, how many hectares of land could become more productive from this innovation or technology?	✓	
6.	Does the story explain what kind of impact this innovation or technology could have if scaled up?	✓	
7.	Does the story show how much partners contributed and how?		✓
8.	Does the story include quotes from stakeholders or beneficiaries?		✓
9.	Have I provided links to other media (journal articles, website news, newsletter, blogs, annual reports of other programme / project) that also feature this story?		✓
10.	Have I provided the contact details of people who can provide more information?		✓