Minister Durrani’s Speech at the Ceremony of Signing 31 Irrigation Networks

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Respected colleagues and journalists!

I am very delighted that today the ground is possible to take a few more steps to facilitate agricultural growth.

Last year, we built 235 irrigation networks, and through this, thousands of acres of irrigation land were irrigated. As a further step, we have begun feasibility studies of three major projects, Khosh Tapa Canal, Andkhoi Canal, and Zamen Dawar Canal, the studies of which will be completed in the next few months.

As result of the construction of these canals, 1.8 million acres of land will be irrigated, leading us toward self-sufficiency.

This year we are going to build 344 irrigation networks. Today is the ceremony of signing the contracts for the construction of 31 irrigation networks.

The networks will be implemented by the Community Livestock and Agriculture Development (CLAP) and Support for National Priority Program 2 (SnaPP2) projects of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) and will be funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

I would like to say that this year through CLAP and SnaPP2 projects we will build 31 irrigation networks worth over 471 million AFN, the contracts of which will be signed today.

The irrigation networks will irrigate 11,454 hectares of agricultural land, benefiting 8,685 farmers and gardeners.

Our aim of implementing these projects is to improve food security and to reduce poverty in the provinces where these networks will be built.

These irrigation networks will be built in Kabul, Parwan, Logar, Nangarhar, Balkh, Herat, and Baghlan province by the end of this solar year.

Hoping for a self-sufficient and prosperous Afghanistan!

Thanks.