

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

*to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on*

**Friday, the 1st February, 2013**

62. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-01-2013 at 10:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the number of Overseas Pakistanis who have been enlisted in the voters lists so far for the next general elections in the county?*

**Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek:** Under section-4 of the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (ACT NO.XXI OF 1974), Preparation and computerization of Electoral Rolls for Elections to the Assemblies is the responsibility of the Election Commission of Pakistan. Therefore, the Question was referred to Election Commission of Pakistan for Reply. Their Reply to the Question is as follows:—

As per information received from National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), a total number of 4.3 Million Overseas Pakistanis are registered as voters in the electoral rolls on the relevant electoral areas throughout the country on the basis of Identity Cards for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP).

63. **\*Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 16-01-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the present status of work on portions of M-8 from Gawader to Turbat, Turbat to Hoshab and Hoshab to Panjgur; and*
- (b) *the time by which the work will be completed?*

**Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan:** (a) Gwadar - Turbat - Hoshab (M-8). Work on following three sections is ongoing since 2004 but is currently completely suspended due to law & order situation:—

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Section	Pack	Km	Progress
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1.	Gwadar - Dasht	IIA	54	64%
2.	Dasht - Turbat	IIB	63	66%
3.	Turbat - Hoshab	IIA	76	69%
<b>Total</b>			<b>193</b>	

Hoshab - Panjgur (N-85). This section is part of National Highway (N-85); which starts from Hoshab on M-8 and ends at Sorab on N-25 while traversing Panjgur - Nag - Basima (454 km). N-85 is under construction since 2007 and overall progress was 22% when FWO demobilized in 2010 due to law & order situation and non-payment of dues. FWO has since agreed to remobilize for which all pending issues are being resolved.

(b) The Prime Minister has approved mobilization of FWO on Gwadar - Turbat - Hoshab (M-8) for completion of balance works with appropriate security package. The balance works will be completed within one year after mobilization of FWO. Similarly, work on N-85 will be completed in three years after re-mobilization of FWO provided security situation remains under control and continuous/sufficient financing is made available.

64. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 17-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether the new voters' lists carry photographs and finger prints of voters, if so, whether the said new lists will be used in the next general elections in the country or otherwise?*

**Mr. Farooq Hamid Naek:** Under section-4 of the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (ACT NO.XXI OF 1974), Preparation and computerization of Electoral Rolls for Elections to the Assemblies is the responsibility of the Election Commission of Pakistan. Therefore, the Question was referred to Election Commission of Pakistan for Reply. Their Reply to the Question is as follows:—

Yes. The Electoral Rolls containing photographs and blank column for obtaining thumb impression of voter at the time of casting of votes, will be available with the Presiding Officer on the Polling day for General Elections 2013.

65. **\*Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 18-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state the number of post offices established in the country during the last four years with province-wise and district-wise break-up?*

**Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Goreij:** 508 Departmental Post Office were established / opened during the last four year *i.e* 2008 to 2012. Provincial / District-wise detailed are Annexed.

*(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)*

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 31st January, 2013.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*