



**P Chidambaram**  
**Minister of Home Affairs**  
**Govt of India**

Palaniappan. Chidambaram or PC, as he is popularly known in the Indian press, was born on 16 September 1945 in the village of Kanadukathan in Sivaganga District of Tamilnadu state, India. He studied at Presidency College, Chennai, India and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and then received his Bachelor of Law degree from the Law college of the University of Madras, Chennai.

He later went to the Harvard Business School where he took his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. In 1968, he married Nalini, a successful lawyer in her own right. They have a son, Karti P Chidambaram

He is among the most prominent cabinet ministers of the ruling-United Progressive Alliance (UPA) union government led by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. From May 2004 to November 2008, he was the Finance Minister of India. However, after the resignation of Shivraj Patil, Chidambaram was made the Home Affairs Minister.

As the home minister he has initiated steps to bring various agencies that are responsible for law and order together and work in a cohesive manner.

Chidambaram is a Lawyer by profession. In 1969 he enrolled as an Advocate in the Chennai High Court and established a successful law practice. He was designated as a Senior Advocate in 1984. He has chambers in Delhi and Chennai and practices in the Supreme Court and in various High Courts in India. He has also appeared in a number of arbitration proceedings in India and abroad.