

CHIDAMBARAM, SHRI PALANIAPPAN  
Constituency : Sivaganga ( Tamil Nadu )

Party : Indian National Congress (INC)



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Father's Name Shri Palaniappan  
Mother's Name Smt Lakshmi Achi  
Date of Birth 16 September 1945  
Place of Birth Kanadukathan, Distt. Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)  
Marital Status Married  
Date of Marriage 11 December 1968  
Spouse's Name Smt. Nalini Chidambaram  
No. of Sons 1  
Educational Qualifications B.Sc., B.L., M.B.A.  
Educated at Madras University, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts (U.S.A.)  
Profession Lawyer

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Positions Held

1972 Member, All India Congress Committee (A.I.C.C.)

1973-76 President, Youth Congress, Tamil Nadu

1976-77 General-Secretary, Pradesh Congress Committee (P.C.C.), Tamil Nadu

1984 Elected to 8th Lok Sabha

1985 Joint Secretary, All India Congress Committee (Indira) [A.I.C.C. (I)]

September 1985 Union Deputy Minister, Commerce

1985-86 Union Deputy Minister, Personnel, Administrative Reforms, Training Public Grievances and Pensions

1986-89 Union Minister of State, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

1986-89 Union Minister of State, Home Affairs (Internal Security)

1989 Re-elected to 9th Lok Sabha (2nd term)

1990 Member, Committee to review Lok Sabha Secretariat Rules, 1955

Member, Consultative Committee constituted under the 'Punjab State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1987

Member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of Finance

1990-91 Member, Public Accounts Committee

1991 Re-elected to 10th Lok Sabha (3rd term)

1991-1992 and 1995-96 Union Minister of State, Commerce (Independent Charge)

1996 Re-elected to 11th Lok Sabha (4th term)

1996-98 Union Minister, Finance (with additional charge of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, June 1996 and held charge of Company Affairs till April 1997)

1998 Re-elected to 12th Lok Sabha (5th term)

1998-99 Member, Committee State Privileges

Member, Committee on Finance

Member, Consultative Committee, Ministry of External Affairs

2004 Re-elected to 14th Lok Sabha (6th term)  
23 May 2004 onwards Union Cabinet Minister, Finance

Social And Cultural Activities

Trustee, (i) Rajiv Gandhi Foundation; and (ii) Ilakkiya Chintanai, (Literary Association), Chennai

Special Interests

Modern literature in general and Tamil literature in particular

Favourite Pastime and Recreation

Reading books

Sports and Clubs

Badminton, Chess, Tennis; Member, (i) Kodaikanal Club; (ii) Sterling Club, Chennai; and (iii) Gymkhana Club, Delhi

Countries Visited

Widely travelled; Member, Government of India Delegation to Mauritius, 1986; Leader, Indian Delegation to Sri Lanka, 1986 and UNCTAD, 1995; and Member, Congress (I) Delegation to U.S.S.R., 1986

Other Information

Delivered lectures in many Universities in India and abroad