

Kapil Sibal

Mr. Kapil Sibal is the Ex-Minister for Law & Social Justice. By practice, a lawyer, Mr. Sibal started his own law practice in Delhi despite qualifying for the Indian administrative services and being offered an appointment in 1973. He was designated as a senior lawyer by 1983 and in 1989 he was appointed as the Additional Solicitor General of India. In 1994, he was the only lawyer to appear in parliament and defend a supreme court judge during impeachment proceedings. He has served as the president of the supreme court bar association on three occasions (1995-96, 1997-98 and 2001-2). His political career as a parliamentarian began in 1998 when he entered the upper house of the Indian parliament as a Congress MP. In 2004, he defeated TV actor Smiriti Zubin Irani of the Bhartiya Janata Party from the Chandni Chowk parliamentary constituency. After the UPA-1 formed government in 2004, Mr Sibal was inducted into the Manmohan Singh cabinet and was at the helm of various ministries like science and technology and that of earthly sciences. In 2009, he emerged victorious for a record second time from the Chandni Chowk parliamentary constituency . After the UPA-2 formed government, Mr Sibal was again given a cabinet berth, from 2009 to 2014 he remained at the helm of various ministries like Human resource development, communications and information technology, and Law and Justice. He is currently a member of the upper house of the Indian parliament representing the state of Uttar Pradesh. As a parliamentarian he has been a member of various parliamentary committees like the business advisory committee and the committee on home affairs. He is currently, also a prominent member of the Congress party who represents the party at many national forums. Mr. Kapil Sibal is an alumnus of the St John's High School, St Stephens College in Delhi doing a B.A in history at the College after which he earned his L.L.B degree from the faculty of law, University of Delhi. He has also done an M.A in history from St Stephens College, Delhi. He also attended the Harvard Law School where he enrolled for an L.L.M which he completed in 1977.

