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Mr Kapil Sibal has a Masters Degree in law from the prestigious Harvard Law School, USA. He also holds a Masters degree in History from Delhi University and is a Senior Advocate by profession.

Mr Sibal has held several important positions in the Government and the Society, such as:

- Additional Solicitor General of India (December 1989-1990) ;
- Member, Board of Management, Indira Gandhi National Open University (1993) ;
- President, Supreme Court Bar Association (1995-96, 1997-98 and 2001-2002) ;
- Member, Rajya Sabha (July 1998) ;
- Member, Executive Council, Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (July, 2001) ; Member, Business Advisory Committee (August, 2001) ;
- Member, Committee on Home Affairs (January, 2002) ;
- Co-chairman, Indo-US Parliamentary Forum (2002) ;
- Member, Board of International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (2002) ;
- Member, Programme Board of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Indian AIDS initiative (2003) ;
- Member, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention set up by the Human Rights Commission, Geneva.

He has contributed several articles to national dailies and periodicals on important issues such as security, nuclear proliferation, terrorism etc.

Mr Sibal was the first Indian Minister to have traveled to the icy continent of Antarctica and stayed at the Maitri base in sub-zero temperature, for getting a first hand experience about the hardships being faced by the Indian scientists. Mr Sibal visited laboratories near Maitri, besides carrying out a final assessment on India's proposed third permanent base.