



Name		Mr. Ma Foi K. Pandiarajan		
Date of Birth		26 <sup>th</sup> April, 1959		
Educational qualification				
Name of the course	Year of study	Subject	Institution / university	Grade/ Class
B.E.	1981	Engineering	PSG College of Technology	
MBA	1984	Human Resource Management	Xavier Labour Relations Institute, Jamshedpur.	
<b>Position Held</b>		Past	<p>He joined the Indian operations of an industrial gas multi-national BOC Group and later Deutsche Babcock. In 1992, he co-founded Ma Foi Management Consultants along with his wife, to tap into opportunities arising out of the 1991 economic liberalisation policy in India. The initial focus of Ma Foi was placing middle-level and managerial people overseas, especially in the West Asia. In 2002, Ma Foi partnered with Editor, a Dutch head-hunter firm looking to expand their operations in West Asia and South-East Asia. He sold majority of his stake in Ma Foi to Vedior in 2004. In 2007, Dutch HR services firm Randstad acquired the operations of Ma Foi through its US\$5.14 billion acquisition of Vedior. Pandiarajan became the Chairman of Randstad India.</p> <p>On 5 April 2012, he announced the launch of a new venture focusing on management consulting and education space – Ma Foi Strategic Consultants Pvt. Ltd, with investments of over 250 million in the first three years. The new company had got into an</p>	

		<p>agreement with Randstad for using the brand Ma Foi for three years. Pandirajan, along with a few Ma Foi veterans, made his latest foray into the HR Services industry with the launch of CIEL HR Services in August 2015. CIEL HR focuses on talent acquisition for companies and flex staffing using modern analytical tools.</p> <p>Pandiarajan joined the <a href="#">Bharatiya Janata Party</a> in 2000, but later shifted to DMDK party founded by actor turned politician <a href="#">Vijaykanth</a>.<sup>[12][13][14]</sup> He contested in the <a href="#">2011 Tamil Nadu legislative assembly election</a> and won from his <a href="#">Virdhunagar constituency</a> with a margin of 21,286.<sup>[15]</sup> He switched loyalties to AIADMK in 2013 and won as a MLA from Avadi Constituency in 2016 Tamil Nadu assembly elections as an AIADMK candidate.</p> <p>In February 2017, following the appointment of Edappadi K. Palaniswami as Chief Minister in place of O. Paneerselvam, K. A. Sengottaiyan replaced Pandiarajan as Minister for School Education. Pandiarajan was the only cabinet minister to have supported Paneerselvam during a party dispute in which V. K. Sasikala was being touted as a possible Chief Minister. The appointment of Sengottaiyan was the only change made to the cabinet by Palaniswami at that time.</p>
	Present	<p>On 21 August 2017, with the merger of AIADMK factions headed by Edappadi K. Palaniswami and O. Panneerselvam, Pandiarajan was again sworn in as a cabinet minister with portfolios of archaeology, Tamil language and Culture.</p>
Achievements	<p><b>Minister for School Education, Youth Affairs and Sports (Government of Tamil Nadu)</b></p> <p><b>Member of Tamil Nadu legislative assembly for Avadi</b></p>	
Partner	Hemalatha	
Chairman	Chairman at Ma Foi Solutions	