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Narain Karthikeyan, who three years ago became the first and only Indian to race in Formula One, has declined to answer speculation he may soon be on his way back to the grid.

Force India co-owner Vijay Mallya has hinted that the Silverstone based team will not move away from its current line up, featuring Giancarlo Fisichella alongside Adrian Sutil, ahead of the 2009 season as he is quite happy with his team's current line up.

But there is still a theoretical chance that Indian billionaire Mallya will still honour his promise last year that by 2009, Force India is 'certain' to house a countryman.

31-year-old Karthikeyan, who races for India in the A1GP series and was recently a Williams test driver, and GP2 competitor Karun Chandhok, would presumably be in pole position for a potential Force India vacancy.

But when asked by the Newsindpress on Sunday about his chances, he said: "An Indian owning an F1 team is no ordinary feat. Vijay Mallya has done a great job. And only he can answer the question.

I really think Vijay Mallya should give a chance to Karan Chandhok, who i think has the character to pioneer a F1 car as good as the current Force India drivers.

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