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# Siddhartha's death raised in Lok Sabha

MPs want harassment charge probed

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The death of Cafe Coffee Day founder V.G. Siddhartha and alleged harassment of him by the Income Tax Department were among a host of issues raised during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

When Congress member Manish Tewari, who had given an adjournment notice on the issue, raised the matter, Speaker Om Birla said he should not refer to a letter circulating in the public domain, as its authenticity was yet to be verified.

However, Mr. Tewari then urged the government to look at allegations of harassment without mentioning the details.

## 'Review NMC'

The doctors' strike over the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, recently passed in the Lok Sabha, was also raised. Trinamool MP Saugato Roy asked the government not to hurry the Bill through and instead urged a re-look at the issues



V.G. Siddhartha

raised by the doctors.

A day after Parliament passed the triple talaq Bill, BJP member Nishikant Dubey said the country should now adopt a Uniform Civil Code as mentioned in the Directive Principles of the Constitution.

"If there is an Indian Penal Code, then why can't there be a Uniform Civil Code," he asked.

Congress member K. Suresh requested the government to extend an invitation to Pope Francis as the last Papal visit to India was in 1999.

Mr. Suresh said the Pope had recently visited Myanmar and was eager to visit India.