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In a statement addressed to the Home Ministry, Shah said, "The police bill introduced in the J&K Assembly is a gross violation of the spirit of the Constitution of India and the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution which guarantee human rights and fundamental rights to the people of Kashmir."

Shah added that the proposed police bill will lead to the creation of a police force that is not accountable to the people of Kashmir and is not subject to the rule of law. "It is a clear violation of the principles of a democratic and federal system," he said.

"We are deeply concerned that the police bill, if enacted, will lead to a situation where the police force will become a tool for repression and oppression," Shah wrote. "It will undermine the principles of democracy and the rule of law in Kashmir."..."