'Need to bring uniformity in states' laws'

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New Delhi: Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah on Tuesday spelled out how the Centre would like to approach the issue of cooperatives within the existing constitutional framework and provisions assume significance in the backdrop of fears in certain quarters around creation of the new ministry of cooperation in July last year.

Many opposition leaders had then suspected the government's intent in creating the new ministry. Congress functionaries dubbed it a "political mischief", while the Left parties called it an "assault" on federalism. NCP chief Sharad Pawar too flagged the issue, underlining how the Centre cannot interfere with the state cooperative as rules for central and state governments are well-demarcated. The minister for cooperatives, however, emphasised the need to bring uniformity in states' laws through dialogue, and said it would be the responsibility of his ministry to initiate the process and bring all states on board for adopting a common framework to make changes in their respective cooperative laws. "I believe this is very much possible," said Shah.

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