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The Goa Command Area Development Act, 1997

Section 36 - Liability when person using water unauthorisedly cannot be found.—

1) If water supplied through a field channel is used in any unauthorised manner, and if the person by whose act or negligence such use has occurred cannot be found after such enquiry as the Command Area Development Board may deem sufficient, the Command Area Development Board shall, after giving not less than one month's notice to the holders and occupiers of all lands benefitted thereby and after hearing their representation, if any, make an order for the recovery of such charges as may be prescribed for such use from such holders and occupiers in such proportion as it may deem fit. (2) All charges for the unauthorised use of water determined under sub-section (1), Section 37 - shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue