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The Bihar Irrigation Act

Section 39 - Admission of joint owner of village channel

1) Any person wishing to become the joint owner of an existing village channel may petition the Canal Officer to that effect, and on receipt of such petition the Canal Officer may, if he thinks fit, issue a notice as provided in last preceding section upon the registered owner, and, after hearing any objection which the registered owner may prefer against the admission of such applicant to be a joint owner, may direct that the applicant shall be registered as such joint owner.(2) All joint owners of a village channel shall be held to have an equal interest in it, unless with the permission of the Canal Officer, they register specificSection 40 - unequal interests