

Settlement of  
assessment  
to be made  
with holder  
directly from  
State  
Government.

**69.** The settlement of the assessment of each portion of land, or survey number, to land revenue, shall be made with the person who is primarily responsible to the State Government for the same.

Rates for  
use of  
water.

**70.** The State Government may authorize the Collector or the officer in charge of a survey or such other officer as it deems fit, to fix such rates as it may from time to time deem fit to sanction, for the use, by holders and other persons, of water, the right to which vests in the Government and in respect of which no rate is leviable under any law relating to irrigation in force in any part of the State. Such rates shall be liable to revision at such period as the State Government shall from time to time determine, and shall be recoverable as land revenue :

Provided that, the rate for use of water for agricultural purposes shall be one rupee only per year per holder.

The fixing of  
assessment  
under this  
Code limited  
to ordinary  
land  
revenue.

**71.** The fixing of the assessment under the provisions of this Code shall be strictly limited to the assessment of the ordinary land revenue, and shall not operate as a bar to the levy of any cess which it shall be lawful for the State Government to impose under the provisions of any law for the time being in force for purposes of local improvement, such as schools, village and district roads, bridges, tanks, wells, accommodation for travellers, and the like, or of any rate for the use of water which may be imposed under the provisions of section 70 or of any law relating to irrigation in force in any part of the State.

Land  
revenue to  
be para-  
mount  
charge on  
land.

**72.** (1) Arrears of land revenue due on account of land by any landholder shall be a paramount charge on the holding and every part thereof, failure in payment of which shall make the occupancy or alienated holding together with all rights of the occupant or holder over all trees, crops, buildings and things attached to the land or permanently fastened to anything attached to the land, liable to forfeiture; whereupon, the Collector may, subject to the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3), levy all sums in arrears by sale of the occupancy or alienated holding, or may otherwise dispose of such occupancy or alienated holding under rules made in this behalf and such occupancy or alienated holding when disposed of, whether by sale as aforesaid, or in any manner other than that provided by sub-sections (2) and (3), shall, unless the Collector otherwise directs, be deemed to be freed from all tenures, rights, encumbrances and equities therefore created in favour of any person other than the Government in respect of such occupancy or holding.

(2) Where any occupancy or alienated holding is forfeited under the provisions of sub-section (1), the Collector shall take possession thereof and may lease it to the former occupant or superior holder thereof, or to any other person for a period of one year at a time so however, that the total holding of such holder or, as the case may be, the person does not exceed the ceiling fixed in that behalf under any law for the time being in force.

(3) If within three years of the date on which the Collector takes possession of the occupancy or alienated holding under sub-section (2) the former occupant or superior holder thereof applies for restoration of the occupancy or alienated