

Purchase land overseas to raise rubber output, says industry

New Delhi, Apr 24: The domestic rubber industry has suggested to the government to expand the country's rubber output by following the Chinese model of acquiring land in other countries for plantation.

"We have recommended the government to follow China for expansion in rubber production. China has recently been acquiring land in other countries to undertake rubber plantation to meet its growing demand," Indian Rubber Dealers Federation (IRDF) president George Valy said.

India should study the Chinese model of rubber expansion (in Southeast Asia and Africa) as the former is also facing the problem of limited land resources for rubber plantation, he said.

According to IRDF, "Sri Lanka can be a possible destination for acquiring plantations due

