

Get your basics right: Horn to Team India

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Aug. 14: South African-born guest motivational speaker Mike Horn has expressed his desire to help the devastated Team India.

Speaking from Canada, Horn, however, said, “the request has to come from the management and I will be in England with next available flight.”

“Yes, I have been following the performance of the Indian team and am very disappointed with the loss and No. one Test ranking,” he said.

Horn has recorded feats like a 6,700-kilometre descent of the Amazon by hydrospeed — solo and unassisted.

He motivated the Indian team during their 2011 World Cup campaign.

“That was at the request of Paddy Upton and Gary Kirsten. They are now with the South African team.

“But my first choice would be India rather than South Africa, because I was engaged with the Indian team first,” Horn added.

Horn is still in touch with the few members of the Indian team.

“It was a great time when we won the World Cup. We exchange messages and share ideas occasionally,” he asserted.

So, what would his immediate message to the team?

“Get your basics right and concentrate more on the game,” Horn signed off.

Mike has hiked, swam, canoed, biked, and sailed 29,000 miles (46,670 kilometres), deviating from latitude zero only to avoid African war zones and respect tribal lands in South America.