

'I just wanted to take a break'

[IQBAL KHAN sets the record straight about this 'rift' with EKTA KAPOOR



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AFTER a disastrous career in Bollywood, Iqbal hit the jackpot on small screen, thanks to his launch vehicle *Kaisa Yeh Pyaar Hai*. One after another, his shows became successful. However, in midst of all this, he suddenly decided to take a break. Eventually, he quit Balaji Telefilms which came as a shocker for the industry.

Since then, he has not worked with Balaji and Ekta Kapoor. Ask Iqbal and he says, "I just wanted to take a break. It was much later I took up other shows. Probably, I did not get any exciting offer from Balaji and I could not work with them."

But, is there any animosity since he is not visible in Ekta's parties despite being one of her former blue-eyed boys?

"I guess, this is like digging out old graves. I thought that I was entangling myself too much into work and social dos. So, I cut down on the parties and in fact I don't go for most of the TV parties unless and until it's a social obligation. There is no animosity between us at all. She is going great guns with her shows which are working big time and I respect her immensely for the professional she is," he says setting the record straight.

On the work front, Iqbal is currently busy with his show *Waaris* on Zee, a family drama apparently inspired by Ram Gopal Verma's *Sarkar*. The show is produced by Smriti Irani.

What about acting with her? "It would be great if she acts in the show. I only know her as a producer and having her in the show would be a great idea. It would in fact add value to the show," he concludes.