

'Reality shows make life public'

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Iqbal Khan, popularly known as *Angad* among his fans for his role in TV serial *Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai*, is against intrusion into the lives of celebrities in the ever increasing reality shows on the small screen.

Iqbal, who is returning to the small screen with yet another serial based on the life of a underworld don, feels it is uncalled for as it makes their lives a public subject.

"Reality shows interfere in your personal life to a great extent. People love their privacy but these shows make life a public affair," he says.

The actor says he has no plans to join such shows.

"These shows are good to watch as they offer some drama but as far working is concerned, I am not comfortable doing them," confesses Iqbal.

The actor is playing the lead role of a mafia don's son in *Waaris*. Famous silver screen actor Ashish Vidyarthi has portrayed the character of his father in the serial. It is a family drama set against the background of the underworld, which deals with the life of a fading don and how his son takes over his father's empire.

"It's a story of a family that doesn't deal with drugs or contract killings. We fight for the right cause. Its a story about a son, played by me, who loves his family and worship his father. He is a man of words, but very short-tempered," says Iqbal.

After the success of his debut serial *Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai*, Iqbal has essayed many popular characters such as *Shaurya* in *Kavyanjali*, *Raghu* in *Kahiin To Hoga* and *Shiv* in *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*, on the small screen.

The actor is also popular for portraying the character of a brave airforce officer *Abhimanyu Adhikari* in *Chhoona Hai Aasmann*. But the actor left the serial after alleged conflict with other actors and the director of the serial but Iqbal rubishes the controversy surrounding his decision.

"Its not true. All the allegations are baseless. I am a responsible actor. They wanted me to carry on with the changed script, which I refused to do," he clarifies.

The model-turned actor had also tried his luck in Bollywood with films like *Funzshh* and *Bullet: Ek Dhamaka*, which didn't do well at the box office. But the actor is not yet disappointed and hopes to find a good script.

"Many directors has approached me but I didn't find the right kind of script to work. I am really looking for a good script to come my way," says Iqbal.