

FAVOURITE MAMAJI: Alok Nath

Uncle dearest

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T elevision's big daddy — Alok Nath — isn't too bothered about comparisons between the new

soap Bidaai and his last year's release Vivah.

Like in *Vivah*, Nath once again plays uncle to the fair girl while the darker (and therefore unattractive) girl is his own daughter. "I was reluctant initially," admits Nath, adding, "But later, I came around because I knew if I didn't do it, someone else would. Also, *Vivah* was a two-hour movie while *Bidaai* is a daily show. There will obviously be more sub-plots."

Nath also dismisses rumours that such blatant aping would turn the viewers off. "The show has a

realistic touch," is his explanation.