

AGAINST 'CUT PRACTICE'

BKC hospital puts up 10 new hoardings

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MUMBAI: A hospital in Bandra-Kurla Complex has put up 10 more hoardings on kickbacks taken by doctors for referring patients to other hospitals for advanced medical tests, after the Indian Medical Association (IMA) criticised it saying it insults the medical fraternity.

The hoardings put up by the

Asian Heart Institute read, 'Honest Opinion, No Commission'. "We need a legislation to bring down this unethical practice among doctors," said Dr Ramakant Panda, owner of Asian Heart Institute, and a member of the committee.

The advertisement suggests that other hospitals except Asian Heart Institute accept commissions, often called 'cut practice', said Dr Jayesh Lele, an IMA

member. Cut practice refers to a commission a doctor takes for referring a patient to another medico or hospital. "This advertisement maligns other doctors. We have never supported 'cut practice' and had condemning it last year," said Dr Lele.

The state government has appointed a 10-member committee to look into the 'cut practice'. The committee met for the first time on Tuesday.