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New Delhi

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We have been able to increase coal production in states like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, but in Odisha we continue to struggle, he remarked while speaking at an ASSOCHAM event in New Delhi yesterday.

Mr Goyal went on to note that Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik only talks of his own agenda whenever he comes to Delhi, but rarely listens to issues raised by us.

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The Coal minister also said that his ministry was working both to ramp up production in its mines and allowing more mines to come up through an honest auction methodology for all people who bid and win mines in a transparent manner and start working those mines to ramp up coal production.

