

Holotype: Worker (Major); India, Dunera, Himachal Pradesh; 700 Mtrs.; 8.III. 2000; Bharti, H.

Paratypes: 8 majors, 9 minors with same data as of holotype.

Habitat: Collected from soil nest; pupae also collected.

Discussion: The species *P. duneraensis* sp. nov. is somewhat allied to *P. malinsii* Forel and *P. terraceensis* sp. nov.; but can be easily separated from both. From *P. malinsii* as; propodeum smooth and shining in *malinsii*; densely punctured in *P. duneraensis* sp. nov.; petiole appendage with a spine in *malinsii*; without spine in *duneraensis* sp. nov.; gaster longitudinally striate in basal half in *malinsii*; but densely punctured in basal half and finely punctured in rest of it in *duneraensis* sp. nov. *P. duneraensis* sp. nov. can also be separated from *P. terraceensis* sp. nov. as; clypeal incision ending into acute teeth in *terraceensis* sp. nov.; blunt teeth in *duneraensis* sp. nov.; propodeal spines long in *terraceensis* sp. nov.; short in *duneraensis* sp. nov.; alitrunk rugulose along with fine punctures in *terraceensis* sp. nov.; but densely punctured without rugae in *duneraensis* sp. nov. Both species differ remarkably in measurement indices, discussed in text, apart from other differences.

Etymology: Species is named after its type locality, Dunera, Himachal Pradesh.

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