

### Discussion

*Lepisiota modesta* differs remarkably from all other Indian species of this genus due to elongate head, but is related to *L. capensis* Mayr, 1862 in having smooth and shining head, however differs from it significantly by following combination of characters : head much longer than broad in *L. modesta*; but slightly longer than broad in *L. capensis*; head strongly narrowing anteriorly in *L. capensis*, not so in *L. modesta*; mesonotum more constricted

in *L. modesta*, comparatively less in *L. capensis*; propodeal spines more slender and longer in *L. modesta*; comparatively shorter in *L. capensis*; legs and flagellum pubescent in *L. capensis*; only tarsii pubescent in *L. modesta*; colour shining black with mandibles, antennae, base and apex of femora, tibiae, tarsii entirely reddish brown in *Capensis*; reddish yellow in case of *L. modesta*. Other characters or alitrunk, petiole and gaster as in the figures (Fig. 3 - *L. capensis*).

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