

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; Assam; Elsewhere; Myanmar; China And Malay Peninsula.

6. Genus *Proceratium* Roger, 1863

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*Proceratium*, Brown, 1973, *In Tropical forest ecosystems in Africa and South America* : 161-185.

*Diagnostic characters* : Worker. Antennae 12-jointed; anterior margin of clypeus with or without projection in the middle; thorax without dorsal sutures; abdomen curved inward; females winged.

13. *Proceratium williamsi* sp. nov. (Figs. 14, 15)

Holotype worker : TL 2.92; HL 0.68; HW 0.68; CI 100; SL 0.42; SI 62; PW 0.47; ThL 0.79.

Head as long as broad, occipital margin round; the median clypeal margin produced in the middle, mandibles tridentate; eyes very minute, placed about the middle of the head laterally; antennae stout; thorax round, thoracic sutures not distinct; apical portion of metanotum concave, bordered on either side by a carina; node of pedicel broad, broader than long, briefly petiolate in front, with a short appendix beneath; abdomen stout, convex; legs moderate; the whole insect densely punctate and with a silky gloss; hairs on body sparse, few on the mandibles at the base of the masticatory region; pubescence dense, golden yellow, almost covering the sculpture.

Colour : Reddish brown.

Female : TL 4.13-4.34; HL 0.92; HW 0.76; CI 83; SL 0.74; SI 97; PW 0.68; ThL 1.32; DE 0.16.

Head longer than broad; eyes prominent, placed about the middle of the head laterally; ocelli prominent; clypeal margin anteriorly not produced in the middle; mandibles with few longitudinal striae; masticatory margin broad, armed with ten to eleven small teeth, apical two prominent; sides of head straight, posterior margin round, frontal carinae raised, spatulate; clypeal region concave; clypeal concavity on either side with transverse striae, striae bent towards the mandibular base; erect to suberect hairs on body numerous; densely pubescent; the whole insect densely punctured.

Paratype workers : TL 2.87-2.89; HL 0.63-0.71; HW 0.68; CI 96- 108; SL 0.45; SI 66; PW 0.45-0.47; ThL 0.82. Similar to holotype.

Holotype worker : India : Meghalaya; East Khasi hills, Shillong, Risa Colony, 14.v.76, Coll. R. Mathew. Paratypes : 2 workers and 3 females with the same collection data as that of the holotype.

*Remark* : *Proceratium* is recorded for the first time from India. Chapman and Capco (1951) reported four species from Asia.