

7. Genus *Diacamma* Mayr, 1862

*Diacamma* Mayr, 1862, *Verh. Zool. bot. Ges, Wien*, 12 : 718.

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

*Diagnostic characters* : Worker. Antennae 12 jointed; mandibles broad, triangular, masticatory margin strongly toothed; thorax rounded; pedicel one-jointed, node of pedicel arched and convex in front, flat or concave posteriorly, armed with a pair of spines.

Key to the species of *Diacamma* Mayr

1. First abdominal segment striate, the striae in concentric arches from back to front; nodal spines thick at base, pointing backwards in continuation of the upper surface of the node.... *rugosum*
- First abdominal segment not striate; node of pedicel very strongly laterally compressed, longer than broad..... *scalpratum*

14. *Diacamma rugosum* (Le Guillou) (Fig. 16)

*Ponexa rugosum* Le Guillou, 1841, *Ann. Soc. Ent. France*, 10 : 318.

*Diacamma rugosum*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, 1 : 55.

*Material examined* : 60 ex: 11 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Barapani, 21.vi.73, Coll. A. K. Ghosh; 8 ex, East Khasi hills, Old Barapani, 14.v.76, Coll. R. Mathew; 9 ex, East Khasi hills, Barapani, 24.vii.67, Coll. R.K. Varshney; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Umshing, 23.viii.63, Coll. M.R. Rynth; 16 ex, East Khasi hills, Old Barapani, 23.iv.77, Coll. R. Mathew; 2 ex, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 27.v.72, Coll. G.M. Yazdani; 4 ex, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Bishnupur, 24.v.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongpoh, 28.i.82, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 1 ex East Khasi hills, Old Barapani, 6.ix.79, Coll. R. Mathew; 3 ex, Old Barapani 30.xii.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 2 ex, West Khasi hills, Ranikor, 9.ii.87, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 2 ex, East Khasi hills, Lai-lad, 27.v.89, Coll. A. K. Karmakar. 16 exs., East Khasi Hills, Adi Basti, 2.ix.88, Coll. A. K. Hazra and Party; 16 exs., West Khasi Hills, Mongpahi Circuit House Compound, 28.ix.88, Coll. A.K. Hazra and Party.

*Diagnostic characters* : Worker. Bronzy-brown; head oval; mandibles punctured, dentate, clypeus tectiform; head above the antennae deeply and regularly striate, the striae oblique on the sides; pronotum with one to four transverse striae, surrounded by concentric striae; mentanotum striate; node of pedicel concentrically striate; abdomen elongate.

Length : W. 8-10 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East and West Khasi hills); Meghalaya; Assam; Karnataka; Maharashtra; Orissa; West Bengal. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Sri Lanka.