

15. *Diacamma scalpratum* (Fred. Smith) (Fig. 17)

*Ponera scalpratum* Fred. Smith, 1858, *Cat. Hym. Brit. Mus.*, **6** : 84, pl. 6, figs. 21-22.

*Diacamma scalpratum*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, **1** : 327.

*Material examined* : 25 ex, 2 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Umran, 14.v.70, Coll. S. Biswas; 2 ex, Garo hills, Songsak, around district council IB, 17.xi.73, Coll. S. Biswas; 2 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongpoh, 27.v.72, Coll. G.M. Yazdani; 1 ex, Garo hills, Charikutty, 11 km. from Bajengdoba, 4.xi.73, Coll. S. Biswas; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Risa Colony, 6.vii.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 2 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongkhyllam Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 24.ix.82, Coll. K.P. Singh; 2 ex, Nongkhyllam Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 19.v.82, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongpoh, 19.x.82, Coll. R. Mathew; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongpoh, 28.x.83, Coll. R. Mathew; 2 ex, West Garo hills, Selbalgiri, Alt. 2000 ft., (collected the day after burning jhum), 19.iii.88, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 2 ex, West Garo hills, Selbalgiri, Alt. 2000 ft., 28.iv.88, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 3 ex, West Garo hills, Balphakram National Park, 12.v.88, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 4 ex, West Garo hills, Selbalgiri, 14.v.88, Coll. V.T. Darlong.

*Diagnostic characters* : Worker. Black, head rectangular, longitudinally striate, posterior lateral angles rounded; mandibles with 7 or 8 large teeth, with smaller teeth in between them; 2nd joint of flagellum of antennae longer than 1st; pronotum constricted anteriorly into a collar, the disc of pronotum with one or two transverse striae surrounded by concentric striae; mesonotum not striate; metanotum compressed, with concentric striae on the basal portion above, oblique striae on the sides; apical portion of metanotum margined and transversely striate.

Length : W. 15-18 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi hills, West Garo hills), Meghalaya : Assam : Sikkim. Elsewhere : myanmar; tenasserim.

8. Genus *Harpegnathos* Jerdon, 1851

*Harpegnathos*, Jerdon, 1851, *Madras. Jour. Lit. & Sci.*, **18** : 116.

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

*Diagnostic characters* : Worker. Head rectangular, mandibles longer than head, sickle-shaped; antennae 12 jointed; eyes large; thorax slightly laterally compressed; pro-mesonotal suture remarkably broad and shallow; mesometanotal suture obsolete; abdomen cylindrical, constriction between the basal two segments distinct, sting exserted.

16. *Harpegnathos venator* (Fred. Smith) (Figs. 18, 19)

*Drepanognathus venator* Fred. Smith, 1858, *Cat. Hym. Brit. Mus.*, **6** : 82.

*Harpegnathos venator*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, **1** : 67.