

**Distribution :** INDIA : (East & West Khasi hills, West Garo hills, and Jaintia hills), Meghalaya; Assam; West Bengal; Along the foothills of Himalayas from Simla to Sikkim; Elsewhere : Myanmar; Tenasserim.

**Remarks :** *Leptogenys kitteli* forages in groups. They are seen shifting their nest sites often. They also carry nest mates, in a ventroventral position, on such occasions.

## 22. *Leptogenys (Lobopelta) peuqueti* Er. André

*Lobopelta peuqueti* André, 1887, *Rev. Ent.*, 6 : 292.

*Leptogenys (Lobopelta) peuqueti*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, 1 : 38.

**Material examined :** 2 ex: 1 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Risa Colony, 22.x.76, Coll. R. Mathew; 1 ex, Shillong, Golflinks, 6.ix.79, Coll. K. Deb.

**Diagnostic characters :** Worker. Black, smooth and shining; head oval, narrower posteriorly than in front; mandibles linear, not dentate; clypeus triangular, the median lobe strongly carinate; antennae long, scapa extending beyond the top of the head; head anteriorly with few punctures; 2nd joint of flagellum much longer than 1st; thorax narrow; metanotum compressed; node of pedicel strongly compressed, curved to the anterior end, posteriorly vertically truncate; abdomen elongate.

Length : W. 5-6 mm.

**Distribution :** INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; Elsewhere : Annam; Myanmar; Sri Lanka.

## 23. *Leptogenys (Lobopelta) ocellifera* (Roger) (Fig. 23)

*Ponera ocellifera* Roger, 1861, *Berl. Ent. Zeit.*, 5 : 13.

*Leptogenys (Lobopelta) processionalis*, Tiwari *et al.*, 1993, *State Fauna Series 3 : Fauna of West Bengal*, part 8 : 29. (Syns.)

**Material examined :** 3 ex. India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Lalsharai, 1.iv.82, Coll. S. Khongsit.

**Diagnostic characters :** Worker. Reddish brown; the whole insect smooth, polished and shining and with a few punctures; pilosity fairly abundant; head broader anteriorly; head anteriorly with few fine longitudinal striae; mandibles finely longitudinally striate, armed with four unequal teeth; clypeus sub-carinate; thoracic sutures well marked; metanotum broader posteriorly, apical portion truncate, smooth; node of pedicel convex in front, flat posteriorly; abdomen oval.

Length : W. 8-9 mm.

**Distribution :** INDIA : (East Khasi hills); Meghalaya; Kerala; Tamil Nadu.