

ex, Shillong, 10.v.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 6 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongkhylliem Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 24.ix.82, Coll. K.P. Singh; 5 ex, East Khasi hills, Mawpat, 16.iv.79, Coll. S.G. Patil; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Pynursla, 6.viii.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 6 ex, West Khasi hills, 10 km. north of Nongkhaw near Mawiang village, 20.ii.87, Coll. A.K. Karmakar; 3 ex, Jaintia hills, 2 km. from Raliang towards garampani, 20.x.81, Coll. V.T. Darlong.

*Diagnostic characters:* worker. Black, shining; mandibles, flagellum of antennae, legs and apex of abdomen testaceous brown; head, thorax and abdomen finely reticulate punctate, covered with a fine silky whitish pubescence; eyes small, placed below the middle of the head; mandibles finely punctured; clypeus with anteriorly produced medial lobe; thorax massive; metanotum truncate; node of pedicel flat anteriorly and posteriorly; abdomen massive.

Length: W. 3.5-4 mm.

*Distribution :* INDIA : (East and West Khasi hills, Jaintia hills), Meghalaya; throughout India, Elsewhere Myanmar; Sri Lanka; Malaya.

### 32. *Brachyponera nigrita* (Emery)

*Ponera nigrita* Emery, 1894, *Ann. Mus. Civ. Stor. Nat.* **24** : 459.

*Brachyponera nigrita* Bingham, 1903, *Fauna Brit. India, Hymenoptera*, **2** : 102.

*Euponera (Brachyponera) nigrita*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Check List of Ants of Asia*, 1:64.

*Material examined:* 10 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 22.vii.63, Coll. S.N. Prasad.

*Diagnostic characters:* worker. Black, shining; the mandibles, flagellum of antennae and legs reddish brown; head nearly square, mandibles finely punctured; eyes not very small, placed above the middle of head on the sides; thorax broad, pronotum convex, mesonotum gibbous; abdomen massive.

Length: W. 5.5 - 6 mm.

*Distribution :* INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya, Sikkim; Elsewhere : Myanmar; Tenasserim.

### 14. Genus *Bothroponera* Mayr, 1862

*Bothroponera* Mayr, 1862, *Verh. zool-bot. Ges. Wien*, **12** : 717

*Diagnostic characters :* worker. Head without mandibles quadrangular; mandibles broad, triangular, masticatory margin armed with 7 or 8 teeth; clypeus transverse, arched anteriorly; antennae 12-jointed, flagellum gradually thickening towards apex. Thorax comparatively broad, rounded above, metanotum obliquely truncate at apex, pro-mesonotal suture well-marked. Node of pedicel seen from the front oval or rounded. Abdomen massive; sting powerful, exserted.