

Length : W. 12 - 13.5 mm. .

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

Key to the species of *Tetraponera* Fred. Smith

- 1. Ocelli present . . . . . *rufonigra*
- Ocelli absent . . . . . 2
- 2. 1st node of pedicel longer than its preceding petiole . . . . . 3
- 1st node of pedicel as long as its preceding petiole; much narrower than 2nd node . . . . . *nigra*
- 3. In profile metanotum distinctly very much higher than pro- mesonotum . . . . . *aitkeni*
- In profile metanotum not higher than pro-mesonotum . . . . . *allaborans*

40. *Tetraponera aitkeni* (Forel) (Fig. 36)

*Sima aitkeni* Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse Zool.*, **10** : 245

*Tetraponera (Tetraponera) aitkeni*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, **1** : 78

*Material examined* : 5 ex: 2 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Nongkhylllem Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 19.v.82, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 2 ex, East Khasi hills, Kyrdem Kulai, 25.ix.84, Coll. J.P. Sati.

*Diagnostic characters*: worker. Black, smooth and shining, and with few punctures; mandibles, antennae, anterior node of pedicel and margins of abdominal segments reddish yellow; head rectangular; mandibles with few striae, smooth, shining; eyes large, occupying nearly one third the length of head; pronotum margined, nearly square; deeply emarginate at the mesometanotal suture; metanotum convex, 1st node of pedicel longer than the preceding petiole, petiolate posteriorly; 2nd node as broad as long, not petiolate; abdomen oval.

Length: W. 3.7 mm.

*Distribution*: INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; Karnataka.

41. *Tetraponera allaborans* (Walker) (Fig. 37)

*Sima allaborans* Walker, 1859, *Ann. Mus. Nat. Hist.* **4**(3) : 375

*Tetraponera allaborans*, Hung *et. al.* 1972. *Ann. Entomol. Soc. Amer* **65**(5) : 1023-12025.

*Tetraponera (Tetraponera) allaborans*, Tiwari *et. al.* 1994, *State Fauna Series 3: Fauna of West Bengal*, Part **8** : 36.