

Diagnostic characters : Dark brown; pilosity erect and abundant; head longitudinally striate posteriorly, reticulate on the lateral angles; Clypeus carinate in the middle, anterior margin incised in the middle; mandibles shining, with scattered punctures; antennal groove the length of the scape; scape falling short of the top of the head by about half its own length; thorax coarsely transversely striate; pronotum tuberculate antero- laterally; mesonotum with a transverse groove and ridge; metanotum smooth and shining above; metanotal spines short and erect; 1st node of pedicel cuneiform, spined beneath; 2nd node transversely finely striate, about twice as broad as long; abdomen broadly oval, the basal segment finely longitudinally striate.

Length : 4.5-5 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; Sikkim; Elsewhere : Sri Lanka.

76. *Pheidole mus* Forel (Fig.42)

Pheidole mus Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse. Zool.* 10:174, 191.

Pheidole (Pheidole) mus, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, 1:146.

Pheidole (Pheidole) mus, Tiwari et. al. 1993, *State Fauna Series 3: Fauna of west Bengal*, part 8:50 (Syns.)

Material examined : INDIA, Meghalaya, 6 ex, Jaintia hills, 17 km. from Jowai, 14 km. from Passi on way to Mynso village, Alt. 4300', 5.i.88, Coll. A.K. Karmakar.

Diagnostic characters : Reddish brown; head longer than broad, finely and densely longitudinally striate; mandibles minutely punctured; no antennal groove; antennae short; thorax transversely striate; pronotum laterally tuberculate, metanotal spines stout and acute; abdomen oval.

Length : 2 mm.

Distribution : Jaintia hills, Meghalaya; Karnataka; West Bengal.

77. *Pheidole parva* Mayr

Pheidole parva Mayr, 1865, *Novara Reise. Formicid.* : 98, o. pl., figs.

Pheidole parva, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Monogr. Inst. Sci. Tech., Manila* (Check List Ants Asia), 1 : 147.

Material examined : INDIA: Meghalaya: West Khasi Hills, Nongstion, near Civil Hospital, 2II : W and 3, 25.ii.1985, Coll. A.R. Lahiri and party.

Diagnostic characters : S. Head, thorax and pedicel reddish brown, the later two lighter in colour; abdomen brown; mandibles, antennae and legs dark yellow; body moderately covered with short, soft, semierect pale hairs. Head very much longer than broad, longitudinally striate; clypeus not emarginate anteriorly; antennae short. Thorax finely reticulate-punctate; pronotal tubercle distinct; pro-