

and mesonotum forming a single convexity; metanotum short. Pedicel comparatively long; 1st node squamiform with no appendix beneath; 2nd node transverse. Abdomen short, smooth and shining.

Length : S. 3-3.2 mm.; W. 1.5-2 mm.; F. 4-4.5 mm.; M. 2.8-3.2 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : Meghalaya (West Khasi Hills), Western India. Elsewhere : Burma, Sri Lanka.

78. *Pheidole pronotalis* Forel

Pheidole pronotalis Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse Zool.* **10**:175, 190.

Pheidole (Pheidole) pronotalis, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, **1**:148

Material examined : INDIA, Meghalaya, 25 ex: East Khasi hills, Shillong, Fruit Garden, 6.iii.76, Coll. M.S. Jyrwa.

Diagnostic characters : Reddish brown, head narrow and long, longitudinally striate; occipital emargination deep, lateral lobes smooth and shining; antennal furrow long and deep enclosing part of flagellum as well; thorax emarginate at the meso-metanotal suture; pronotum laterally tuberculate; metanotal spines short and erect; abdomen smooth, polished and shining.

Length : 3.5-4.5 mm.

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

79. *Pheidole roberti* Forel

Pheidole roberti Forel, 1902, *Rev. Suisse Zool.* **10** : 183, 198.

Pheidole (Pheidole) roberti, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, **1**:149.

Pheidole (Pheidole) roberti, Tiwari, et. al. 1993 *State Fauna series 3*:Fauna of West Bengal, Part **8**:5 (Syn)

Material examined : 4 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Upper Shillong, 1.viii.76, Coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : Reddish; head longitudinally finely striate, the striae breaking into reticulations posteriorly; thorax finely transversely striate, finely punctured on the sides; pedicel slightly sculptured; abdomen smooth and shining; head longer than broad; mandibles smooth, polished and shining; clypeus emarginate in the middle; antennae short; thorax gibbous anteriorly; pronotum without lateral tubercles; transverse mesonotal groove and ridge well marked; metanotum narrow, metanotal spines long and acute; 1st node of pedicel squamiform, 2nd node from above transversely oval; abdomen oval.

Length : 4.5-5 mm.