

*Diagnostic characters* : soldier. Reddish brown, polished and shining, the mandibles black, the antennae and legs yellowish red; head anteriorly and thorax on the sides longitudinally striate, the posterior lobes of the head in front, the pronotum anteriorly and the basal portion of the metanotum transversely striate; ocellus absent; 1st node narrow above, conical and not emarginate, abdomen broadly oval.

Length : S. 5-11 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (West Khasi hills & East Garo hills), Meghalaya; Assam; Kerala; Maharashtra; West Bengal. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Sri Lanka; Tenasserim.

32. Genus *Myrmecina* Curtis, 1829.

*Myrmecina* Curtis, *Brit. Ent.*, 4 : 226.

*Myrmecina*, Brown, 1973, *In Tropical forest ecosystems in Africa and South America* : 161-185.

*Myrmecina*, Tiwari, 1994, *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*, 94 (2-4) : 151.

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Antennae 11-jointed; clypeus bicarinate; mandibles indistinctly dentate; thoracic stutres obsolete; metanotum with a pair of spines; pedicel with 2 nodes; 1st node quadrate without a petiole in front; abdomen oval.

104. *Myrmecina striate* Emery (Fig. 51)

*Myrmecina striata* Emery, 1889, *Ann. Mus. Civ. Stor. Nat. Genova*, 27 : 500.

*Myrmecina striate*, Chapman and capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, 1 : 118.

*Material examined* : 25 ex: 18 ex., India, Meghalays, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Risa Colony, 18.v.79, Coll. R. Mathew ; 4 ex, Risa Colony , 28.x.81, Coll. R. Mathew .

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Black, the mandibles, the antennae , the legs, the sides of the abdomen, the apical margin of the basal and the whole of the remaining abdominal segments reddish yellow; head, thorax above and on the sides, and the nodes of the pedicel above longitudinally channeled; antero/lateral angles of pronotum produced; pro-msonotum convex, sides vertical; metanotal spines divergent, pointing backwards and slightly upwards; abdomen highly polished and shining.

Length : W. 3.75 mm.

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

*Remarks* : Specimens of this species were collected from humus.