

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

118. *Dolichoderus sundari* sp.nov. (Fig.64,65)

Holotype Worker : TL 4.00; HL 0.87; HW 0.87; CI 100; SL 0.68; SI 78; PW 0.58; Th L 1.05.

Head massive, with the mandibles cordate, the sides convex and round; antennae long, reaching back the top of head; clypeus region with short longitudinal striae, anterior clypeal margin not entire, feebly impressed in the middle; mandibles broad, shagreened; masticatory margin with ten to twelve minute teeth, apical two prominent; eyes large, placed about the middle of the head towards the front; pronotum concave; promesonotal suture distinct; mesonotum feebly raised; thorax emarginate at the meso- metanotal suture; basal portion of metanotum flat, apical portion truncate, concave, the concavity smooth and shining; the node of pedicel scale like, inclined forward; abdomen convex, massive; head, abdomen and node of pedicel smooth, polished and shining; thorax coarsely punctate; hairs on body numerous.

Colour : Head, thorax, node of pedicel and abdomen pitch black, the mandibles, antennae and legs brownish yellow, legs a lighter shade.

Paratype Workers : TL 3.24-3.95; HL 0.79-0.87; HW 0.79-0.87; CI 97-100; SL 0.66-0.68; SI 78-86; PW 0.55-0.58; Th L 1.05.

Similar to holotype

Holotype Worker : India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Nongkhylliem Reserve Forest, 28.i.82, Coll. R. Mathew. Paratypes: 9 workers with the same collection data as the holotype.

*Dolichoderus sundari* comes closer to *sulcaticeps* and is distinguishable from it by the former's smaller size and structure and sculpture of the thorax.

*Remarks* : The type specimens were collected from within a wild fruit of a creeper in the reserve forest.

119. *Dolichoderus taprobanae* (Fred. Smith)

*Formica taprobanae* Fred.Smith, 1858, *Cat. Hym. Brit. Mus.*, 6 : 13.

*Dolichoderus (Hypoclinea) taprobanae*, Chapman and Capco 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, 1:185.

*Material examined* : 9 ex, India Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Pynursla, 17.vii.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan.

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Brownish red; abdomen black; head smooth and shining; thorax laterally compressed; pronotum anteriorly margined, convex, mesonotum longitudinally sulcate; meso-metanotal emargination deep, well-marked; apical portion of metanotum truncate, slightly concave.