

Length : W. 2.5-3.3 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya, throughout India.

120. *Dolichoderus* sp.

Material examined : India: Meghalaya: West Garo hills, Tura, On the way to Tura peak (700m.) 9 ww + 1o, 1.v. 1979, Coll. J.K. Jonathan and party.

Distribution : INDIA : (West Garo hills), Meghalaya.

42. Genus *Tapinoma* Foerster, 1850.

Tapinoma, Foerster, 1850, *Hym. Stud. i* : p. 43.

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

Diagnostic characters : worker. Antennae 12-jointed; clypeus broad anterior margin not incised; eyes large, lateral, placed a little to the front; thoracic sutures distinct; pedicel with the node flat, strongly inclined to the front; abdomen oval, the basal segment gibbous, overhanging the node.

Key to the species of *Tapinoma* Foerster

- Antennae long, the scape extending beyond the top of the head *melanocephalum*
- Antennae short, the scape not extending beyond the top of the head *indicum*

121. *Tapinoma indicum* Forel

Tapinoma indicum Forel, 1895, J. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc., 9 : 472

Tapinoma indicum, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of the ants of Asia*, 1:193.

Material examined : 35 ex; 15 ex, India Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 24.viii.75, Coll. R. Mathew; 20 ex, Jaintia hills, Nartiang, 7.v.87, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Black; head, thorax and abdomen somewhat smooth, with a few scattered erect hairs; pubescence white; head longer than broad, oval; mandibles triangular, masticatory margin with numerous minute teeth; clypeus convex, anterior margin transverse or slightly arched; thoracic sutures distinct, thorax slightly constricted at the meso-metanotal suture.

Length : W. 1.5-2 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills, Jaintia hills), Meghalaya; throughout India.

122. *Tapinoma melanocephalum* (Fabricius)

Formica melanoccephala: Fabricius, 1793, *Ent. syst.*, 2:353.