

Material examined : India: Meghalaya: West Garo hills, Darangiri, 14 ww, 30.iv.1979, Coll. J.K. Jonathan and party; West Garo hills, Tura, 5oo, 2.v.1979, Coll. J.K. Jonathan.

Diagnostic characters : worker. TL 10-12mm. Head, thorax, legs and node of pedicel dark red, abdomen black. Head without the mandibles quadrangular; the sides straight; mandibles large, strongly dentate, apical tooth remarkably long, curved and acute; antennae 12-jointed. Thorax viewed from the side constricted in the middle, saddle-shaped, sutures well-marked. Pedicel one-jointed, node rounded, not much raised; abdomen somewhat short, oval.

Distribution : INDIA : Meghalaya (West Garo Hills), Punjab, West Bengal, Central India. Elsewhere : Parsia.

47. Genus *Acantholepis* Mayr, 1861.

Acantholepis Mayr, 1861, *Eur. Form.*, P. 42.

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

Diagnostic characters : worker. Clypeus broad and high, sharply carinate down the middle; antennae 11-jointed, scape extending beyond the top of the head; eyes moderate, ocelli distinct; thorax constricted at the mesonotum; thoracic sutures distinct; metanotum obtusely dentate on each side; pedicel single jointed, node dentate or spinous; abdomen broadly oval.

Key to the species of *Acantholepis* Mayr

1. Scape of antennae remarkably long, extending more than half its length beyond the top of the head. *frauenfeldi*
- Scape of antennae shorter, extending beyond the top of the head by not more than one third of its length. 2
2. Head, thorax and abdomen abundantly pilose; head highly polished, shining; head and abdomen black *capensis*
- Head, thorax and abdomen smooth, without hairs except at the apex of the abdomen . . *simplex*

127. *Acantholepis capensis* Mayr

Acantholepis capensis Mayr, 1862, *Verh-zool. Bot. Ges. Wien*, 12:699.

Acantholepis capensis, Majer, 1976, *J. appl. Ecol.*, 13:145-155.

Material examined : 1 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, 28.vi.75, Coll. R. Mathew.