

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Black, shining; pilosity abundant; mandibles small, when closed hidden under the clypeus; metanotum finely sculptured; node of pedicel emarginate and bidentate; abdomen oval, rapidly narrowing towards apex.

Length : W. 2.3-3.3 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; Central India; Maharashtra; Himalayas. Elsewhere : Sri Lanka; Africa.

### 128. *Acantholepis frauenfeldi* Mayr

*Acantholepis frauenfeldi* Mayr, 1855, Verh. zool-bot. Ver. Wien, 5:378.

*Acantholepis frauenfeldi*, Wheeler & Wheeler, 1968, Ann. Ento- mol. Soc. Amer. 61 (1) : 205-222.

*Acantholepis frauenfeldi*; Tiwari et.al., 1994, State Fauna series 3:Fauna of West Bengal, part 8:69.

*Material examined* : 1 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Nongthymmai, 12.iii.76, coll. R.S. Giri.

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Brownish, abdomen dark brown; head, thorax and abdomen smooth and shining mandibles narrow, curved, with the apical tooth long and acute; clypeus convex, with a faint transverse subapical furrow parallel to its anterior margin; pronotum from above appears almost circular; mesonotum strongly constricted; metanotal teeth thick and broad at base, obtuse; node of pedicel seen from above pentagonal, the upper border slightly emarginate; with a tooth at its lateral angles; abdomen oval.

Length : W. 2.5-3 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya; West Bengal; throughout continental India. Elsewhere : Europe; Africa.

### 129. *Acantholepis capensis simplex* Forel

*Acantholepis simplex* Forel, 1892, Ann. Soc. Ent. Belge, 36:43

*Acantholepis capensis* subsp. *simplex*, Chapman and Capco, 1951, Checklist of the ants of Asia, 1:210.

*Acantholepis capensis simplex*; Tiwari et al., 1994, State Fauna Series 3:Fauna of West Bengal, part 8:68 (Syns.)

*Material examined* : 5 ex: 1 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Knasi hills, Nongpoh, 28.x.83, Coll. R. Mathew; 4 ex, East Khasi hills, Nongkhlaiem Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 31.iii.84, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan.