

Diagnostic characters : W. Head, thorax and node of pedicel black, antennae, mandibles, legs and abdomen reddish; pubescence long and dense, hiding the sculpture; thoracic spines short, slender and acute; node of pedicel, at its lateral angles, with slender erect spines.

Length : W. 5-6 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills,) Meghalaya; West Bengal; Elsewhere : Myanmar; Philippines.

149. *Polyrhachis ceylonensis* Emery

Polyrhachis hippomanes race *ceylonensis* Emery, (in Forel, 1893) *Jour. Bombay N. Hist. Soc.*, 8:22.

Polyrhachis hippomanes sub.sp. *ceylonensis*, Mathew, 1984, *Bull. zool. Surv. India*, 6 (1-3) : 307-308.

Material examined : 12 ex: 5 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Golflinks, 23.v.79, Coll. K.K. Deb; 7 ex, Shillong, Botanical garden, 31.iii.79, Coll. R. Mathew.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Black; the flagellum of antennae, the femora, tibiae and tarsi of the legs reddish yellow; the mandibles and scape of the antennae fuscous red; head and thorax finely, abdomen minutely, reticulate punctate; pronotum with a short tooth pointing outwards; metanotum with two short erect spines at the posterior lateral angles; node of pedicel with two wide spreading spines.

Length : W. 5-6 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya. Elsewhere : Sri Lanka.

150. *Polyrhachis convexa* Roger

Polyrrhachis convexa Roger, 1863, *Berl. ent. Zeitschr.* 7:153.

Polyrhachis (Myrma) Convexa, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, 1:270.

Material examined : 3 ex, India Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Mawpat, 17.iv.76, Coll. S.G. Patil.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Black; very finely rugulose; pubescence recumbent, glistening grey; thorax in lateral view, strongly arched, pronotal spines acute; mesonotum unarmed; basal portion of metanotum with two short erect points at its posterior lateral angles, a slight carina between them; apical portion of metanotum deeply concave; node of pedicel biconvex, armed with four short subequal spines spaced equidistantly; abdomen short, globose.

Length : W. 5.5-6 mm.