

19.v.82, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 3 ex, Lai-lad, 12.iii.87, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 2 ex, Lai-lad, 27.v.87, Coll. A.K. Karmakar.

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Black, apical half of the flagellum of the antennae, legs and abdomen castaneous, head and abdomen polished and shining, thorax and node of pedicel coarsely punctured; pronotal spines pointing forward and outward and curved slightly downward; metanotal spines longer than the pronotal spines, erect and slightly curved backwards; node of pedicel with two long spines, their apical half curved backwards, downward and slightly outward.

Length : W. 5-6 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya, Assam. Elsewhere : Borneo; Myanmar; Tenasserim.

#### 153. *Polyrhachis illaudata* Walker (Fig.74)

*Polyrhachis illaudata* Walker, 1859, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, (3) 4: 373.

*Polyrhachis illaudata*, Mathew, 1984, *Bull. zol. Surv. India* 6 (1-3) : 307.

*Material examined* : 13 ex, 2 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Umsning, 23.vii.63, Coll. S.N. Prasad; 4 ex, East Khasi hills, Old Barapani Road, 30.xii.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 3 ex, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Laban, 14.xi.85, Coll. B. Rani; 4 ex, East Khasi hills, Umran, 9.vii.89, Coll. R. Mathew.

*Diagnostic characters* : worker. Black and stout; covered with dense, golden, recumbent pubescence; erect hairs abundant; thorax short, strongly arched, broader anteriorly; pro-meso and meso-metanotal sutures distinct; pronotal spines broad at base, pointing forward and outward; a sharp transverse carina, with its lateral points subdentate separates the basal portion of metanotum from the oblique concave apex; node of pedicel biconvex, with a pair of spines diverging outwards on its upper lateral angles and a pair of short, mucronate teeth on its sides; abdomen massive; pilosity abundant, the teeth on the lateral sides of the node broader at base.

Length : W. 9.5-10.5 mm.

*Distribution* : INDIA : (East Khasi hills), Meghalaya, Karnataka, Kerala; Sikkim; West Bengal. Elsewhere : Myanmar; Sri Lanka; Tenasserim; Java; Sumatra; Borneo; China; Philippines.

#### 154. *Polyrhachis intermedia* Forel

*Polyrhachis mayri* race *intermedia* Forel, 1886, *J. Asiat. Soc. Benal*, 55 : 242.

*Polyrhachis (Myrma) mayri* sub.sp. *intermedia*; Chapman and 1951, Checklist of ants of Asia, 1:272.