

Material examined : 2 ex: 1 ex, India Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Nongkhylllem Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 24.xii.82, Coll. K.P. Singh; 1 ex, East Khasi hills, Kyrdemkulai, 25.ix. 81, Coll. J.P. Sati.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Black and stout; thorax short, narrowed posteriorly; pronotal spines broader at base, pointing forwards, outwards, and downward; metanotal carina not prominent, basal portion of metanotum laterally dentate; pubescence sparse, not hiding the sculpture, node of pedicel biconvex; upper lateral angles with two longspines pointing backward, outward and downward, laterally with two short curved pointed spines, a very minute spine in the middle of the upper margin of the node.

Length : W. 8-9 mm.

Distribution : East Khasi hills, Meghalaya; Assam. Elsewhere : Myanmar.

155. *Polyrhachis laevissima* Fred.Smith (Fig.75)

Polyrhachis laevissima Fred.Smith, 1858, *Cat. Hym. Brit. Mus.*, 6:64.

Polyrhachis (Cyrtomyrma) laevissima, Chapman and Capco, 1951, *Checklist of ants of Asia*, 1:264.

Polyrhachis laevissima, Tiwari *et.al.*, 1994, *State Fauna Series 3: Fauna of West Bengal*, part 8:62 (syns.).

Material examined : 14 ex: 3 ex, India, Meghalaya, East Khasi hills, Nongkhylllem Reserve Forest, Umtasor, 24.ix.82, Coll. K.P. Singh; 2 ex, Umtasor, 19.v.82, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 3 ex, West Garo hills, Tura, May, 78, Coll. M. Kamal; 3 ex, East Khasi hills, Shillong, Bishnupur, 25.iv.81, Coll. C. Radhakrishnan; 3 ex, West Khasi hills, Ranikor, 9.ii.87, Coll. V.T. Darlong; 6 ex, East Garo hills, Darugiri, 17.v.79, Coll. S.B. Roy and R.N. Tiwari.

Diagnostic characters : worker. Black, polished and shining, legs red, thorax in lateral view strongly arched and gibbous; lateral angles of pronotum with a short tooth; pro-mesonotal suture distinct; meso-metanotal suture indistinct; node of pedicel biconvex, upper margin emarginate in the middle, lateral angles pointed.

Length : W. 6-7 mm.

Distribution : INDIA : (East and West Khasi hills, East Garo hills and West Garo hills), Meghalaya; Assam; Orissa; west Bengal. Elsewhere : Java; Borneo; Siam; Singapore; Myanmar; Tenasserim.

156. *Polyrhachis mayri* Roger

Polyrhachis mayri Roger, 1863, *Verz. Formicid.* :7, M.