

first segment longer than broad. First tergite mat with sparse shallow setiferous punctures ; following tergites mat and subpolished. Legs short, with posterior tibiae and metatarsi apically dentate.

Holotype worker and *paratypes* 1 worker & 2 females, INDIA : Nicobar Is : Rajendra Nagar, 30.xii.1975, P. K. Maity and party (Z. S. I. Calcutta).

SUMMARY

This paper deals with the description of a new species of ants, viz., *Metapone nicobarensis* sp. nov. from Nicobar Islands in Indian Ocean. This is the first record of the genus from Indian region.

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