

Subfamily *PONERINÆ*.Tribe *PLATYTHYREINI*.*Platythyrea ceylonensis*, sp. n.

♀. Black, mandibles, legs and antennæ reddish brown, articulations of legs, apex of scape and funiculus lighter, last two segments of gaster, and apex of other segments narrowly, reddish yellow, with the usual pruinose surface, which is grey in colour, and small scattered punctures.

*Head* oblong, broadest just behind eyes, posterior angles rounded, posterior border excised in middle; *mandibles* triangular, slightly curved downwards, apical tooth blunt, masticatory border with a number of indistinct small blunt teeth; *antennæ* moderate, *scapes* not extending beyond posterior angles of head, joints of *funiculus* gradually increasing in breadth to apex, last joint pointed; *clypeus* convex, anterior border rounded, posterior border rather indistinctly defined; *frontal area* ill-defined; *frontal furrow* faint, almost extending to base of head, with two small shallow pits, one situated before middle, the other near base; *frontal carinæ* sinuate behind the not very prominent lobes; *eyes* large, oval, rather flat, situated at sides of head a little before middle. *Thorax* long, narrowed to base; *pronotum* ample, convex, anterior angles rounded, posterior border rounded; *pro-mesonotal suture* very distinct; no *suture* present between mesonotum and epinotum, which are together longer than pronotum; *dorsal surface* of *epinotum* excised at base, with posterior angles armed with a short pointed tooth, *declivity* abrupt, slightly concave, faintly transversely striate; *node* of *petiole* longer than broad, convex, sides rounded and narrowed to base; *gaster* long, narrowed to apex, second segment considerably longer than first (*i. e.*, *post-petiole*); *pygidium* furnished with a small bunch of longer and shorter fine yellow hairs; *sting* exerted.

*Long.* 6.5 mm.

♀. Similar in colour and appearance to the ♂. The sculpture is a little stronger, the teeth to the epinotum shorter and blunter, and the sting longer. The *ocelli* are very small and inconspicuous. The *suture* between the pronotum and mesonotum is very distinct, the *sutures* between the mesonotum and *præscutellum*, and *scutellum*