

mesopleura smooth, metasternite above coxae striate and punctate; mesonotum rugoso punctate; post petiole dorsally smooth; gaster smooth.

Head: Distinctly longer than broad; posterior margin medially deeply emarginate; sides finely margined; frontal lobes extended forwards; lobes reaching vertex and join with posterior 'U' shaped margin of vertex; antennae arising from beneath anterior lamina of these lobes; in full face view cheeks hidden under frontal lamina; mandibles broad, massive, triangular, masticatory margin with 5 black teeth; clypeus very small, its posterior and lateral margins indistinct, anterior margin transverse with four short setae at its middle, clypeus a little depressed downwards; no distinct scrobe. Antennae very short, 11 jointed, club formed of apical two joints; terminal club segment longest, its length 0.6 x length of remaining segments of flagellum; F2-F7 transverse; F8 subequal, F1 and club elongate; flagellum length 2.1 x scape; eyes very small consisting only two ommatidia; in profile, postero-dorsal edge of head finely angulate; ventromedian portion of head swollen and medially carinate, carinae starting from edge of vertex end on either side of this median carina.

Thorax: Somewhat gibbous; pronotum with a short neck in front; antero-lateral corners rounded; mesometanotal suture distinct, propodeum posteriorly with two short teeth which project backwards and shorter than their basal width; propodeum medially concave; metathoracic spiracles almost at middle of sternites; metasternal teeth bluntly angulate, legs short, stout; mid and hind tibiae without spurs; hind metatarsus 0.7 x length of femur.

Abdomen: Petiole with a short, stout peduncle in front; node about 1.3 x length of peduncle; petiole distinctly transverse; sides straight, its length: breadth in dorsal view 3:7; post petiole broader than petiole, transverse, flat above, postero-median part slightly depressed; length: breadth in dorsal view 5:10. Gaster broad; flat above, ventrally convex, T1 covering more than half its length.

Holotype: De alate female: India, Kerala, Iritty Forest near Aaralam farm; Sheela. S; 16. xii. 1995 (DZCU).

Distribution: India, Kerala.

Etymology : Genus named after the genus *Blepharidatta* and species name "*nayana*" is taken from sanskrit word meaning eyes.

Remarks: The specimen described here is found to be burrowing under ground. The