

(17) First gastral segment extremely dorso-ventrally compressed in profile immediately behind the post petiole.

(18) First gastral segment in profile almost flat dorsally and strongly convex ventrally.

(19) Sting spatulate.

Distribution : India, Indonesia, East and West Malaysia, Sri Lanka, China, Nepal, Hongkong, Japan and Myanmar.

Discussion : The genus can be easily distinguished from all other genera by its unique characters, such as the peculiar type of dentition; recurved propodeal spine; single (unpaired) posterior most hair on the mesonotal mid line; the extremely specialised post petiole with its deep helcium; reduced node and constricted articulation with the gaster, and the form of gaster.

Recurvidris recurvispinosa (Forel)

(Figs. a-c)

1890. *Trigonogaster recurvispinosus* Forel, *Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg., C. R.*, **34** : 109, fig. Syntype : Workers, INDIA : Poona (MHN).
1903. *Trigonogaster recurvispinosus*, Bingham, *Fauna Brit. India* (Hymenoptera : Formicidae), **2** : 285.
1927. *Trigonogaster recurvispinosa*, Wheeler, *Amer. Mus. Novitates*, **255** : 5, Male.
1992. *Recurvidris recurvispinosa*, Bolton, *Psyche*, **99** : 46.

Worker : Total length : 2.1 mm; Head length : 0.49 mm; Head width : 0.43 mm; Cephalic index : 87; Scape length : 0.40 mm, Scape index : 93; Eye diameter : 0.09 mm; Alitrunk length : 0.6 mm; Pronotal width : 0.24 mm.

Colour : Orange yellow, eyes black, teeth of mandibles brown.

General sculpture and hair pattern : Pubescence almost absent except very minute yellow ones on antennae and tarsi; pilosity restricted to erect yellow sparse hairs on head, thorax and gaster, and small appressed hairs on legs; gastral apex with a few long thin hairs. Head (except antero-median portion and clypeus) mesonotum, metanotum and pedicel very minutely finely reticulate. Clypeus, antero-median portion of head, pronotum, pro-meso- and metapleura, region between propodeal spines, legs and gaster smooth, shining but reticulation very slightly indicated in certain reflections of light in these regions; region in front of the eyes and mandibles longitudinally finely striate.

Head : Elongate, rectangular, widely and very slightly emarginate posteriorly in front view; in profile, head anteriorly truncate, occipital corners narrowly rounded; mandibles narrow with four teeth, basal teeth broader than other three and bifurcated at its tip; maxillary palpi 4, labial palpi 3-jointed, clypeus vertical, medially bicarinate, carinae starting with a pair of setae on either side; anteriorly carinae end in 2 pairs of closely set long setae, anterior margin of clypeus complete, arched, its posterior margin faintly indicated, frontal area not distinct, antennal toruli wide apart, each lobe narrower than clypeus produced between them. Antennae 11-jointed; scape almost