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Short Communication

NEW RECORD OF *MEGACAMPSOMERIS PRISMATICA* (SMITH) (HYMENOPTERA : SCOLIIDAE) FROM DELHI AND NAGALAND, INDIA

INTRODUCTION

During the studies of large collections of Scoliidae present in the Hymenoptera Section of Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, we found out two new records of the species *Megacampsomeris prismatica* (Smith) : one from Delhi and one from Nagaland. Gupta (1997) listed the scoliid species from Delhi. Gupta and Jonathan (2003) studied the family Scoliidae of Indian subregion in detail. Thus, this short communication is intended to report the extended distribution of this taxon to Delhi and Nagaland.

***Megacampsomeris prismatica* (Smith)**

1855. *Scolia prismatica* Smith, *Cat. Hym. British Mus.*, **3** : 102. Female, Shainghai, China (holotype in Natural History Museum, London).
1864. *Elis* (Dielis) *prismatica* (Smith) : Saussure & Sichel, *Cat. Spec. Gen. Scolia* : 199 Female, China.
1892. *Elis* (Dielis) *lindenii* (Lepelletier) : Magretti, *Ann. Mus. Civico Stor. Nat. Genova*, **12** : 247. Female, not male, Myanmar.
1907. *Elis prismatica* (Smith) : Paiva, *Rec. Indian Mus.*, **1** : 14. Female, Darjeeling, India.
1911. *Campsomeris prismatica* (Smith) : Turner, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, **6**(8) : 623.
1928. *Campsomeris* (*Megacampsomeris*) *prismatica* (Smith) : Betrem, *Treubia*, **9** (suppl.) : 152-153. Female, Male; Sulawesi, Kalimantan, Sarawak, Java, Sumatra, Malakka, Taiwan, China, Japan, India : Sikkim, Darjeeling Dist., Shillong, Kumaon Hills, Shimla Hills.
1928. *Campsomeris* (*Megacampsomeris*) *prismatica* var. *quinquefasciata* Betrem, *Treubia*, **9** (suppl.) : 153. Female, Mussoorie, India (holotype in Z.S.I., Kolkata). Synonymized by Gupta & Jonathan (2003).
1928. *Campsomeris* (*Megacampsomeris*) *prismatica* var. *fulvoanalis* Betrem, *Treubia*, **9** (suppl.) : 153. Female. Taiwan (Type in Berlin Museum). Synonymized by Gupta & Jonathan (2003).
1933. *Campsomeris prismatica* var. *shibatai* Uchida, *J. Fac. Agric. Hokkaido Imp. Univ.*, **32** : 259. Female, Honshu, Taiwan. Synonymized by Gupta & Jonathan (2003).

1941. *Campsomeris (Megacampsomeris) uchidai* Betrem, *Notes Ent. Chinoise*, **8(4)** : 81-82 (Male specimens from different localities of India).
1972. *Megacampsomeris prismatica* (Smith) : Betrem in Betrem & Bradley, *Mon. Ned. Ent. Ver.*, **6** : 164 (by reason of elevating *Megacampsomeris* to generic rank).

Diagnosis : Female. Length 10-12 mm. Body black, rarely with narrow apical bands on second and third abdominal tergites; vestiture yellowish golden, rarely reddish brown, except on fifth or sixth and following abdominal segments black; wings yellowish hyaline without any diffused infumated area beyond marginal cell; clypeus impunctate in the middle; mesoscutum with a large impunctate area posteriorly in the middle; upper plate of metapleurum punctate above, transition between its vertical and dorsal areas gradual to straight.

Material examined : 1 Female, INDIA : Delhi; Univ. Ridge, Coll. Neelam, 4.xi.1977, Reg. No. 10027/H3. 1 Female, INDIA : Delhi; Coll. Nair, R., 26.xi.1976, Rég. No. 10028/H3. 1 Female, INDIA : Delhi; Univ. Ridge, Tyagi, 16.ix.1976, Reg. No. 10029/H3. 1 Female, INDIA : Nagaland; Kohima, Coll. A.K. Hazra & Party, 25.ix.2004, Reg. No. 10078/H3. All specimens are deposited at Hymenoptera Section, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata (NZSI).

Distribution : INDIA : Delhi, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Orissa, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Elsewhere : China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Taiwan.

Remarks : This is the first report of the species from Delhi and Nagaland.

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