

## A new genus of Caliscelidae from Northern India (Homoptera, Fulgoroidea)

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*Bolbonaso* gen. n. is described for *Afronaso tapirifacies* Parshad, 1981.

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Indian entomologist Baldev Parshad (1981) described a new species from Northern India in the African monotypic genus *Afronaso* known from Tanganyika (Tanzania). This determination of the generic position of the Indian species, *A. tapirifacies*, is incorrect. I have a female of this species labelled "India, Punjab, Patiala City, University Campus, 30°21'N, 76°27'E, 1999, Yu.M. Marusik".

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Type species *Afronaso tapirifacies* Parshad, 1981.

*Description.* Metope with a bulbous prominence formed mainly by postclypeus; this prominence slightly compressed laterally and separated from the main part of metope by distinct stranguation. Border between coryphe and metope without carina, but with elongate smoothed elevation. Coryphe and metope connect at slightly obtuse angle. Cells of coryphe depressed; its median carina indistinct. Upper part of metope even, shagreened, without carinae. Margins of metope above antennae carinate, weakly projecting laterally. Near the bulb, intermediate carinae smoothed. Fore margin of bulb with median carina. Pronotum and scutellum with weak median carina. Lateral carinae of scutellum absent. Elytra smooth, slightly shagreened, without veins, ex-

cept for *ScR*, which is very weak. Fore part of paranotal lobes projecting forward, its margin situated below antennae. Antennae block up from the front the gutter formed by contacting parts of eye and paranotum. Dorsal part of abdomen convex, forming a quarter of sphere, virtually without median carina. Abdominal tergites 4 and 5 (first and second tergites not covered by elytra) wider than following ones, of subequal width.

*Comparison.* In the genus *Afronaso* Jacobi, all carinae of the coryphe, including the fore one are sharp, projection of the postclypeus is longer and without stranguation, metope dorsally coarsely transversely rugose, elytra coarsely shagreened, with distinct veins *ScR* and *M*, abdominal tergite 4 much wider than 5.

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### **Reference**

Parshad, B. 1981. A new species of the African genus *Afronaso* Jacobi (Issidae: Homoptera) from Delhi, India. *Bull. Entomol. (India)*, **22**: 9-10.

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