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NEW RECORD OF THE SPECIES *INDOPHANES BARBARUS* (WALKER)  
[ MYRMELEONTIDAE : NEUROPTERA ] FROM INDIA

While working out the unnamed neuropteran material at Zoological Survey of India, the author has come across an interesting species indentified as *Indophanes barbarus* (Walker) which is not hitherto reported from India. It was originally described by Walker (1853) from Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) under the genus *Myrmeleon* Linnaeus and later transferred by MacLachlan (1867) to *Macronemurus* Costa. Banks (1940) segregated three species, viz., *Myrmeleon infestus* Walker from North India, *M. audax* Walker from Nepal and *M. barbarus* Walker from Sri Lanka, and placed them under his genus *Indophanes* with the type, *Myrmeleon barbarus* Walker. He (*loc. cit.*) also added for the first time one more species *Indophanes sinensis* from China. Subsequently, Holzel (1972) described the species, *Indophanes vartianorium*, from Pakistan. Thus, the genus *Indophanes* Banks comprises a total of five species, all of which are restricted to the oriental region.

The species, *Indophanes barbarus* (Walker), constitutes new locality record for India. It is very much allied to the form from Sri Lanka but without any prominent black stripes on meso- and metanota which may be a minor local variation.

Measurements: Length of forewing : 30.5 mm ; of hind wing : 31 mm.

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