A NEW SPECIES OF *TURANOGONIA ROHDENDORF* (DIPTERA : TACHINIDAE) FROM DARJEELING DIST , WEST BENGAL

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**INTRODUCTION**

During the course of studies of some Tachinid collections made recently and also in the past by different Z.S.I. groups, a few specimens were found to be new and this new species is being described. Two species of this genus have been reported so far from India.

*Turanogonia kalimpongensis* sp. nov.
(Fig. 1. A. B.)

*Female* Head: Pale reddish yellow, frons and facial region very wide, occiput whitish; parafrontal golden yellow; parafacial and gena with golden white pollinosity; interfrontal area yellowish dark; 3rd segment greyish, arista dark grey, palpus yellow; vertex wider than eye width, epistome not projected forward, same as vibrissal angle, gena about 1/4 of eye height; ocellar bristle reclinate. Antennae normal, 2nd segment about 1/4 as long as wide. Arista naked, slightly shorter than 3rd antennal segment. Proboscis of normal length, labella normal; palpi slightly elavate. Eyes bare.

*Thorax*: Yellowish brown in ground color, tergum thinly and pleura with dense golden yellow pollinosity, sternopleura with 4 hairs, dorsocentral hair 3+4, (3 pairs of scutellar bristles); apical and subapical scutellar bristles slightly longer than scutellum, apical scutellar bristle as long as subapical, scutellum yellowish in color.

*Wing*: Hyaline, basicosta yellow, lower calypter pale yellowish white. Vein R 4+5 setulose at base.

*Legs*: Legs yellowish dark, tarsus black, pulvillus yellowish white, claw and pulvillus moderately long; tibiae with anterodorsal, posterodorsal and ventral setae.

*Abdomen*: Yellowish grey in ground color, sternal plate not clearly visible, 4th and 5th terga with a row of marginal bristles.
Fig. 1. *Turanogonia kalimpongensis* sp. nov.

A. Head front view
B. Head lateral view

**Male**: Unknown

**Distribution**: Darjiling dist., West Bengal.

**Holotype**: 1 ♀ : Z.S.I. Regd. No. 6975/H6, Kalimpong, Darjiling dist., 20.ix.80, B, C. Das.

**Paratypes**: 2 ♀ ♂ , Z.S.I. Regd. No. 6976/H6 & 6977/H6, Kurseong, Darjiling dist., 22.vi.10 & 24.vi.10. N.A.
**Remarks:** This species comes close to *T. klapperichi* Mesnil but differs by Abdomen dark orange yellow, antennal segment 2 about 1/3 of segment 3, abdominal side yellowish, dorsum of thorax with golden yellow tinge, all segments of tarsi dark black.

**Summary**

A new species *Turanogonia Kalimpongensis* sp. nov. is described here from Darjeeling dist., West Bengal.

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