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RECORD OF *PUSANA LAEVIS* (UVAROV) (INSECTA : ORTHOPTERA :
ACRIDIDAE) FROM THE HIMALAYAS

Uvarov (1921) described *Pusana laevis* from specimens collected partly from Pusa (Bihar) and partly without any precise data under the new generic name *Pusa*. He (1940) transferred the species to the present genus because his original generic name was pre-occupied. Since then no record of this species, subsequent to Uvarov's description, has been made from anywhere else in India or elsewhere.

During a recent survey of the Himachal Pradesh the authors collected one male (Pandoh, Mandi ; 18.9.80) and two males and one female were collected earlier from Sikkim (Rangpo ; 2-3.7.79). All the examples were sent to the Centre for Overseas Pest Research, London, for identification. Dr. J. M. Ritchie who has kindly confirmed the identification notes that he has identified the same species from Bangladesh in 1980 and remarks that the species is rarely collected and probably frequents water places in damp grass, rice, etc. It is thus interesting to note that the species has a wide distributional record ranging from the Himachal Pradesh, right up to Sikkim, Bihar and Bangladesh.

The examples before us agree in most characters with the original description differing in some minor points : Pronotal median carina obliterated in between sulci. Tegmen long, surpassing tip of posterior femora by one-fourth of its length, with rounded apex. Supra-anal-plate with a deep concave medium longitudinal groove. Oviposital valves of female short, slightly curved, lower valves with blunt lateral projection on each side. The specimens (δ 17-17.5, ♀ 21.5) almost agree with the measurements given for the types. Regd. nos. 9004-9006/H5.

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