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OCCURRENCE OF *PISCICOLA OLIVACEA* HARDING (ANNELIDA : HIRUDINEA)
IN LADDAK, J. & K., INDIA

In the course of our study on the leech fauna from Jammu and Kashmir we have come across two specimens of *P. olivacea* which are new records of parasitic on the fish, *Schizopygopsis stoliczkae* Steindachner. They are collected from the Suru River, a tributary of the Indus near Kargil in Laddak District. These leeches conform to the description by Harding (1927) excepting for the variation observed in the shape of the eyes which are circular rather than linear, as stated in the original description.

Material : 2 exs., Ando village near Kargil, district Laddak, J. & K. coll. *Raj Tilak*, Date 4.ix. 1977 Alt. 3000 m. (34.30 N, 76.13E) from *Schizopygopsis stoliczkae* Steindachner.

This species is recorded earlier from Chilka lake (19.50 N, 85.30E) and from Soochow (31.21 N, 120.40 E). The species is known to inhabit estuarine habitats and a freshwater pond in the Barkuda Island,

Chilka lake (Harding, 1927). Moore (1924) reported this species from a river at Soochow. For the first time it is now recorded also from an altitude of 3,000 m. from the alpine coldwater of temperate climatic conditions.

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