

Terebra (Strioterebrum) mukerjeei sp. nov.

(Pl. VII, fig. 5.)

Shell small, moderately thick; protoconch missing; whorls nearly flat; sutural band very wide, occupying more than one-half of the whorl, and delimited from the rest of the surface by a groove; ornamentation of the sutural band consisting of wide, flat axials which are nearly vertical, and, on the remainder of the surface, of 2 rows of rhomboidal tubercles paired in backward-pointing chevrons.

Material.—The holotype only (incomplete specimen). *Holotype*.—G.S.I. type No. 16474.

Dimensions.—Altitude 26 mm.; diameter 6 mm.

Remarks.—This species is characterised by its nearly flat whorls, wide sutural band and heavy axials. No species resembling this shell appear to have been described hitherto from the Indo-Pacific area. For a *Strioterebrum* its sculpture is very distinctive and perhaps the species deserves a sectional name.



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FIG. 5.—*Terebra (Strioterebrum) phanii* sp. nov., ^{??} × 2. Holotype—G. S. I. type No. 16474. (MUKERJEE!) !