Record of Powder Post Beetle, *Dinoderus minutus* Fabricius, as a Pest of Stored Rice in Gujarat State

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Powder post beetle, *Dinoderus minutus* Fabr. (Coleoptera : Bostrichidae) is a pest of stored bamboo and bamboo objects, but also occurs in cereals. In India, occurrence of this pest damaging bamboo and its objects was reported by Beeson (1919), Hocking (1942), Gardner (1945), Mathur (1961) and Sandhu (1975). While De Charmoy (1915) observed its association with stored maize in Mauritius. It is incidence as a pest of stored rice in Gujarat was not reported earlier. During 1979-80, the pest was observed for the first time infesting stored rice damaging 41.91% in Gujarat State. Specimen of this pest was collected and sent to Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London for its identity, which came as *Dinoderus minutus* Fabr.

Both the larvae and adult cause damage by feeding externally as well as internally in rice lowering its quality and quantity. The hatched larvae feed on the rice, bran and flour resulted from the feeding of full grown larvae and adults.

While studying its biology in laboratory, a Braconid parasite was also reared from the culture and was identified as *Apanteles ruficrus* Haliday (Braconidae : Hymenoptera).

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