LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Habitat of Amblypterurus kashmirensis Woodward and Amblypterurus symmetricus Woodward

While going through the article ‘Catalogue and Bibliography of fossil fishes of India’ by A. G. K. Menon in the Journal of Palaeontological Society of India, Volume IV, 1959 (published in 1964), I find that on page 54 the author has included Amblypterus kashmirensis Woodward and Amblypterurus symmetricus Woodward in the Anthracolitic beds of Kashmir and has consequently shown their habitat to be marine. The reference of Seward and Woodward which the author has quoted, however, states that these fossils have been recorded from the Gangamopteris beds (Lower Gondwana) of Risin Spur, which are regarded to be of fresh water origin. C. S. Middlemiss (1909) and D. N. Wadia (1928-29) have also confirmed their freshwater origin.

Under the circumstances it is evident that the fishes be regarded of fresh-water habitat and not associated with Anthracolitic or marine.

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