blages, a metamorphic temperature[7] of $820 \pm 50°C$ and pressure[8] of 7.09 ± 1 kbar is estimated. This value is in conformity with the regional metamorphic temperatures of $840 \pm 70°C$ obtained for charnockites from Nilgiri Hills[3,4].

DISCUSSION

The metamorphic pressure (7·0 Kb) and temperature ($820 + 50°C$) of the gabbroic anorthosites clearly demonstrates that they have suffered the dominant granulite facies (charnockite forming) metamorphism of 2·6 Ga. The gabbroic anorthosite emplacement must be older than 2.6 Ga and hence pre chornockitic. Thus, they may represent dismembered extensions of the layered ultramafic-gabbro-anorthosite complexes exposed around Bhavani[2] which are older than 3.0 Ga. Further, their occurrence along the N 60°E trending lineament is significant. This lineament of Archaean age has been reactivated in later times. Recognition of rock types like this and the associated supracrustals in the Nilgiri Hills, particularly along lineaments, will enable one to understand the tectonic uplift history of the Nilgiris.

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